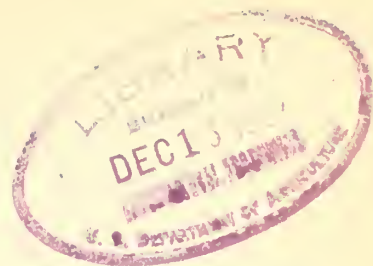


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SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING LAWS AFFECTING LAND USE ENACTED
DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO OCTOBER 1, 1937.

(Primarily for the information of Land Use Planning personnel of the Farm Security Administration and collaborating offices and agencies.)

This summary comprises brief abstracts of (a) all legislation affecting land use enacted in the first session of the 75th Congress, (b) outstanding legislation affecting land use enacted by the State Legislatures in session between January 1 and October 1, 1937.

Unlike previous issues of the Bulletin (except No. 20) this issue contains only abstracts of enacted legislation. Since Bulletin No. 20 carried the enacted legislation through May 15 only, this issue may be regarded as superseding Bulletin No. 20.

An Index of State Legislation by States is provided, beginning at page 50. Part I is its own index of Federal legislation by subject-matter, and Part II, of State legislation by subject-matter. In cases where an item of State legislation is not found under its subject-matter heading, it may sometimes be found under another subject-matter heading if the Index of State Legislation by States is consulted.

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SESSIONS OF LEGISLATURES DURING 1937

Regular Sessions

	<u>Convened:</u>	<u>Adjourned:</u>
75th CONGRESS-FIRST SESSION	January 5	August 21
Arizona	January 11	March 12
Arkansas	January 11	March 11
California	January 4	May 28
Colorado	January 6	May 19
Connecticut	January 6	June 9
Delaware	January 5	April 21
Florida	April 6	June 4
Georgia	January 25	March 25
Idaho	January 4	March 6
Illinois	January 6	June 30
Indiana	January 7	March 8
Iowa	January 11	April 20
Kansas	January 12	April 2
Maine	January 6	April 24
Maryland	January 6	April 5
Massachusetts	January 6	May 29
Michigan	January 6	July 30
Minnesota	January 5	April 22
Missouri	January 6	June 8
Montana	January 4	March 6
Nebraska	January 5	May 15
Nevada	January 18	March 18
New Hampshire	January 11 (Recessed	June 28-November 15)
New Jersey	January 6	January 12
New Mexico	January 12	March 13
New York	January 6	May 7
North Carolina	January 6	March 23
North Dakota	January 5	March 8
Ohio	January 4	May 10
Oklahoma	January 5	May 11
Oregon	January 11	March 8
Pennsylvania	January 5	June 5
Rhode Island	January 5	April 24
South Carolina	January 12	May 21
South Dakota	January 5	March 5

SESSIONS OF LEGISLATURES DURING 1937

Regular Sessions (Continued)

	<u>Convened</u>	<u>Adjourned</u>
Tennessee	January 4	May 21
Texas	January 12	May 22
Utah	January 11	March 12
Vermont	January 6	April 10
Washington	January 11	March 12
West Virginia	January 13	March 14
Wisconsin	January 13	July 2
Wyoming	January 12	February 20

Special Sessions

Alabama	November 23, 1936	February 26
Arizona - First	May 10	May 29
Arizona - Second	June 2	June 22
Arizona - Third	July 22	August 4
Delaware	May 18	May 18
Georgia	January 11	January 22
Maryland	April 22	May 6
Michigan	July 30	August 11
Minnesota	May 24	July 23
North Dakota	March 8	March 10
Ohio	June 21	July 26*
Texas	May 27	June 25

* Special Session adjourned by Governor's Executive Order to December 31, 1938.

I. FEDERAL LEGISLATION CLASSIFIED BY SUBJECT-MATTER

AGRICULTURE

Sugar Control Act. Mr. Jones.

H. R. 7667. Approved September 1. Public Law 414.

To protect the welfare of consumers of sugars and of those engaged in the domestic sugar-producing industry, and to promote the export trade of the United States. The Secretary of Agriculture shall annually determine the amount of sugar needed to meet the requirements of consumers in the continental United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, but the amount for the United States cannot be less than that required to give consumers a per capita consumption equal to that of the average of the two year period 1935-36. On the basis of this determination, the Secretary is to establish quotas limiting importation and production, and may allot or prorate such quotas to persons importing or marketing sugar. The Secretary may make payments to farm producers of sugar beets or sugar cane, varying from sixty to thirty cents per hundred pounds of sugar, raw value, a lower rate being paid for the larger producing farms. As conditions of payment the Secretary may restrict the amount of sugar marketed from the farm, require that farming practices preserve and improve soil fertility and prevent erosion, that reasonable wages be paid, and that no child labor under 14 years of age be used unless the children are members of the family of the legal owner of 40 percent of the crop. An excise tax is imposed upon manufactured sugar and collected from the manufacturer or the importer. The powers of the Secretary expire on December 31, 1940, and no tax can be levied after June 30, 1941.

Act to Continue Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation. Mr. Pope.

S. 2439. Approved June 28. Public Law 165.

To continue the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation until June 30, 1939. The Secretary of Agriculture may transfer such funds under section 32 (which appropriates one third of the customs revenues for certain agricultural purposes) as may be necessary to give effect to the second clause of the section which provides for encouraging domestic consumption of agricultural commodities. Agricultural products purchased by the F. S. C. C. may be donated for relief purposes.

Appropriation for Pest Control. Mr. Gillette.

S. J. Res. 75. Approved April 6. Public Res. 20.

Authorizing \$2,000,000 to be appropriated for the control of incipient or emergency outbreaks of insect pests or plant diseases, including grasshoppers, Mormon crickets, and chinch bugs. (Note: The authorized appropriation was made in two acts appropriating \$1,000 each, approved on April 27 and July 17 respectively as Public Res. 26 and 55.)

Future Farm Program. Mr. Bilbo.

S. J. Res. 207. Approved August 24. Public Res. 69.

Resolves that permanent farm legislation should be based upon principles which include: (a) Equitable participation by farmers in the national income; (b) Ever-normal granary, as a protection to both

consumer and farmer; (c) Soil conservation, with simplification of administration, and scaling down of payments to large operators; (d) Search for new uses and outlets, both at home and abroad, for farm products; (e) Correction of existing freight rate discriminations against farm products. It is resolved that Congress should devote its attention, immediately upon reconvening, to consideration of a permanent farm program based on the principles enumerated.

AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

Marketing Agreements. Mr. Jones.

H. R. 5722. Approved June 3. Public Law 137.

To reenact the Agricultural Adjustment Act with respect to marketing agreements with minor amendments.

Members of Congress, Benefits under A. A. A. Mr. Robinson.

S. 2229. Approved August 26. Public Law 381.

Permits members of Congress to enter into agreements under the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

BANKING, CURRENCY, CREDIT

1937 Crop Loans. Mr. Jones.

H. R. 1545. Approved January 29. Public Law No. 3.

To provide for loans to farmers unable to secure loans elsewhere for crop production and harvesting during 1937. The Farm Credit Administration is authorized to make such loans not exceeding \$400 in any one calendar year except in areas certified by the President as distressed emergency areas. Loans are to be secured by a first lien on the crop and bear interest at the rate of 4 percent.

Extending Farm Credit Interest Rates. Mr. Biermann.

H. R. 6763. Enacted over veto July 22. Public Law 209.

To extend for one additional year the $3\frac{1}{2}$ percent interest rate on Federal land bank loans; and to provide a 4 percent rate on such loans July 1, 1938 to June 30, 1939 and a 4 percent rate on Land Bank Commissioner loans for a period of two years.

Amendments to Farm Credit Acts and Agricultural Marketing Act. Mr. Jones.

H. R. 7909. Approved August 19. Public Law 323.

To amend the Emergency Farm Credit Act of 1933 and subsequent farm credit acts, and the Agricultural Marketing Act. This act deals primarily with administrative matters. The principal changes are as follows: (1) farm credit districts are established in place of land bank districts, (2) the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation is permitted to make loans to the Federal land banks and joint stock land banks on the security of real estate mortgages, sheriffs' certificates, sales contracts and real estate, (3) the purposes for which loans may be made by the Federal land banks are broadened to include refinancing indebtedness incurred prior to January 1, 1937.

CENSUS

Unemployment Census. Mr. Black.

S. 2705. Approved August 30. Public Law 409.

Provides for the taking of a census of partial employment, unemployment, and occupations.

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION AND RELIEF

Establishment of C. C. C. Mr. Connery. 1937

H. R. 6551. Approved June 28. Public Law 163.

Establishes the Civilian Conservation Corps for a period of three years beginning July 1, 1937, to be employed "on works of public interest or utility for the protection, restoration, regeneration,

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION AND RELIEF (Continued)

improvement, development, utilization, maintenance, or enjoyment of the natural resources of lands and waters and the products thereof", on lands belonging to, or under the jurisdiction or control of, the United States, and also, under certain conditions, on private, county, or municipal lands. The enrollment is limited to 300,000 at any one time, of whom not over 30,000 may be veterans; plus not over 10,000 Indians and 5,000 Territorial and Insular enrollees.

Relief Appropriation. Mr. Woodrum.

H. J. Res. 361. Approved June 29. Public Res. 47.

To appropriate \$1,500,000,000 for relief, \$630,000,000 to be allocated, among other things, for: labor to work in flood control and conservation projects and on electric transmission and distribution lines or systems to serve persons in rural areas; \$415,000,000 to be allocated for work on highways, roads, and streets. Duly authorized flood control and water conservation projects are exempted from the general proviso that no Federal construction project shall be undertaken or prosecuted unless there shall have been allocated and irrevocably set aside Federal funds sufficient for its completion. The President is authorized to make such allocations for rural rehabilitation and relief by the Resettlement Administration as he may determine. Title II of this act continues the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works to July 1, 1939. (Note: The Bankhead-Jones Act authorized allocations of relief funds for rural rehabilitation.) This act also contains appropriations not related to a land program.

FEDERAL AID

Federal Aid for Roads. (Toll Bridges) Mr. Hobbs.

H. R. 7373. Approved August 14. Public Law 286.

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make allocations, out of the Federal-aid road funds, to States which have acquired or constructed toll bridges on the approved system of Federal-aid highways, provided: (a) that such bridges are made free before July 1, 1939; (b) that the construction of such bridges was not completed before March 3, 1939; (c) that the plans and specifications of construction have complied with the prescribed Federal standards. The allocation may not exceed fifty percent of the actual value of the bridges or the costs of construction, whichever is less.

FLOOD CONTROL

Preliminary Survey of Santa Maria River. Mr. Stubbs.

H. R. 3306. Approved May 14. Public Law 82.

To authorize a preliminary survey by the Army Engineers of the Santa Maria River with a view to the control of floods and soil erosion prevention.

Preliminary Survey of Certain New York Creeks. Mr. Beiter.

H. R. 4896. Approved July 30. Public Law 229.

To authorize the Secretary of War to make a preliminary survey of Cayuga, Buffalo and Cazenovia Creek in New York, with a view to the control of floods.

River and Harbors Projects. Mr. Mansfield.

H. R. 7051. Approved August 26. Public Law 392.

To authorize the construction and repair of public works on rivers and harbors for flood control, navigation, and wildlife conservation.

FLOOD CONTROL (Continued)

Appropriation for Flood Control. Mr. Snyder.

H. R. 7493. Approved July 19. Public Law 208.

To appropriate \$60,000,000 for expenditure by the War Department for Flood Control projects authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1936 (Public 738-74th Congress). \$500,000 of the amount is to be used by the Secretary of Agriculture for waterflow retardation and soil erosion prevention on the watersheds of flood control projects.

(This act also contains appropriations not related to flood control.)

Amendments to Flood Control Act of 1936. Mr. Whittington.

H. R. 7646. Approved August 28. Public Law 406.

Amends and expands the Flood Control Act approved June 22, 1936.

Section 1 authorizes the building of levees, flood walls, and drainage structures in the Ohio River Basin (the projects to be selected by the Chief of Engineers, with the approval of the Secretary of War), at a cost not exceeding \$24,877,000 for construction, which amount is authorized to be appropriated. Relief labor may be used in the work.

It is provided further that if the requirement of local cooperation stipulated in Section 3 of the 1936 Act cannot, in the opinion of the President, be complied with by any city or town by reason of its financial condition, the President may waive the requirement on any individual project to an extent not to exceed fifty percent of the estimated costs of the lands, easements, and rights-of-way. Section 3 authorizes and directs the Secretary of Agriculture to cause preliminary examinations and surveys to be made for run-off and water-flow retardation and soil erosion prevention on the watersheds of the waterways in which the Secretary of War has heretofore been authorized and directed to make preliminary examinations and surveys, the costs to be met from appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for such purposes. Section 4 provides that as a condition to the extending of any benefits, in prosecuting measures for run-off and water-flow retardation and soil erosion prevention authorized by Acts of Congress pursuant to the policy declared in the Act of 1936, to any lands not owned or controlled by the United States or any of its agencies, the Secretary of Agriculture, insofar as he may deem necessary for the purpose of such Acts, may require --

"(1) The enactment and reasonable safeguards for the enforcement of State and local laws imposing suitable permanent restrictions on the uses of such lands and otherwise providing for run-off and water-flow retardation and soil erosion prevention; (2) Agreements or covenants as to the permanent uses of such lands; and (3) Contributions in money, services, materials, or otherwise to any operations conferring such benefits."

Section 5 adds a considerable number of streams and watersheds to the list in which preliminary examinations and surveys are authorized.

Flood Relief Funds. Mr. Taylor.

H. J. Res. 229. Approved February 24. Public Res. 7.

To authorize the President to allocate funds to the United States Public Health Service for health and sanitation activities in flood areas from the Emergency Relief Appropriation of 1936 as amended by the deficiency appropriation for the fiscal year of 1937.

Preliminary Survey of Snake River. Mr. Borah.

S. 206. Approved March 4. Public Law 14.

To provide for a preliminary survey of the Snake River and tributaries in the States of Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, with a view toward the control of floods.

FLOOD CONTROL (Continued)

Preliminary Survey of Rio Grande and Pecos Rivers. Mr. Chavez.

S. 2688. Approved August 28. Public Law 396.

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make a preliminary examination, and survey to determine necessary measures for run-off and water-flow retardation and soil erosion prevention on the watersheds, including all tributaries, of the Rio Grande and Pecos Rivers, above the point of their confluence, in the same manner and to the same extent as provided for localities named in Section 6 of the Flood Control Act of 1936. The cost is to be paid from appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of such section.

FORESTRY

Encouragement of Farm Forestry. Mr. Doxey.

H. R. 4728. Approved May 18. Public Law 95.

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture, in cooperation with Land-Grant Colleges, and State Forestry Agencies, to produce or procure and distribute forest trees and shrub planting stock; to make necessary investigations; to advise farmers regarding establishment, production, and management of farm-forests; to enter into cooperative agreements for the establishment, production and care of farm-forests. A five million dollar appropriation is authorized.

HOUSING

Creates U. S. Housing Authority. Mr. Wagner.

S. 1625. Approved September 1. Public Law 412.

To provide financial assistance to the States and political subdivisions thereof for the elimination of unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions; for the eradication of slums, for the provision of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for families of low income, for the reduction of unemployment, and the stimulation of business activity, and to create a United States Housing Authority.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT

Power Survey in Cabinet Gorge. Mr. White.

H. R. 114. Approved August 14. Public Law 279.

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct surveys and investigations in order to determine the feasibility and development of a hydro-electric project at Cabinet Gorge on the Columbia River. (\$25,000 appropriated in Public Law 354.)

Completion of Bonneville Dam. Mr. Mansfield.

H. R. 7642. Approved August 20. Public Law 329.

To authorize the completion, maintenance, and operation of the Bonneville project for navigation. This act provides for provisional administration of Bonneville electric power (not required for navigation facilities at the dam), pending the establishment of a permanent administration for Bonneville and other projects in the Columbia Basin. The Secretary of War is directed to complete, maintain and operate Bonneville Dam, and its locks, power plants and appurtenant works. All power not needed for the operation of navigation facilities is to be delivered by the Secretary of War to an Administrator; and the Secretary of War is directed to provide such equipment and facilities as the Administrator may deem necessary for the proper reception, handling, dispatching and transmission of such power. The Administrator, whose function is to dispose of the power, is to be appointed

by the Secretary of the Interior, and is directed to act in consultation with an advisory board of four members, designated respectively by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of War, and the Federal Power Commission. The general policy announced by Congress in the Act is to "encourage the widest possible diversified use of electric energy" and "to insure that the facilities of electric energy at the Bonneville project shall be operated for the benefit of the general public, and particularly of domestic and rural consumers." The Administrator is given wide authority, subject to directions which include the following: (1) At all times preference and priority must be given to public bodies and cooperatives. (2) Before their preferential status is jeopardized by contracts with private interests, public bodies and cooperatives must be allowed reasonable time to organize, to approve and float bond issues, and to take any other action necessary to avail themselves of Bonneville power. (3) Contracts for the sale of power to private bodies or persons are subjected to conditions which include the following provisions: (a) equitable adjustment of rates at appropriate intervals not less frequently than five years; (b) contracts with utilities may be wholly or partially cancelled on five years notice, when in the administrator's opinion the power is needed to satisfy requirements of public bodies and cooperatives; (c) contracts with utilities shall contain such terms and conditions as the administrator deems necessary, desirable, or appropriate, to effectuate the purposes of the Act and to insure that resale to the ultimate consumer shall be at rates which are reasonable and non-discriminatory; (d) no private body or person except a regular public utility may resell any Bonneville power to any private agency engaged in the sale of electric energy to the general public. (4) Rate schedules are to be drawn with due regard to the fact that the power created at Bonneville is incidental to the main purpose of improving navigation in the Columbia River, and having regard to the recovery of the cost of producing and transmitting the power, including the amortization of the capital investment. (5) With certain exceptions, contracts may be made only after advertisement, and after adequate opportunity has been afforded for the submission of competitive bids. (6) No real property or transmission lines may be sold, leased, or disposed of by the Administrator except with the President's approval. All receipts from the transmission and sale of power are to be covered into the Treasury, with the proviso that the Secretary of the Treasury shall maintain a continuing fund of \$500,000 to the credit of the Administrator and subject to check by him, to defray emergency expenses and to insure continuous operation. For the rest, sums necessary to carry out the Act are merely authorized to be appropriated. (Note: The Third Deficiency Act (Public Law 354) appropriates \$100,000 for carrying out the provisions of this Act.)

INTERSTATE COMMERCE

Emergency Freight Rates in Distressed Areas. Mr. Murray.

S. 2619. Approved August 25. Public Law 372.

To amend the Interstate Commerce Act (paragraph (1) of Section 22) to permit carriers to give reduced rates for the transportation of property to or from any section of the country with the object of providing relief in case of earthquake, flood, fire, famine, drought,

INTERSTATE COMMERCE (Continued)

epidemic, or other disaster, if such reduced rates have first been authorized by the Commission. The Commission's order may define the classes entitled to such reduced rates as being persons designated as being in distress and in need of relief, by agents of the United States or any State authorized to assist in relieving such distress.

INTERSTATE COMPACTS

Authorizing Negotiations on Division of Yellowstone River. Mr. Wheeler. S. 534. Approved August 2. Public Law 237.

To grant consent of Congress to Montana and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact for division of the waters of the Yellowstone River.

Compact on Pymatuning Lake. Mr. Guffey.

S. 2831. Approved August 28. Public Law 398.

To give Congressional consent to a compact between Ohio and Pennsylvania relative to the development, use, control, and protection of Pymatuning Lake and the surrounding State-owned lands, for fishing, hunting, recreational and park purposes. (See "Pennsylvania," page 21. Ohio has not ratified.)

Authorizing Negotiations on Pollution of Potomac River. Mr. Tydings.

S. J. Res. 162. Approved August 31. Public Res. 74.

To grant the consent of Congress to the States of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia to negotiate and enter into a compact to provide for a conservancy district to consist of the drainage area of the Potomac River to be organized and maintained for the purpose of regulating, controlling, or preventing pollution of the waters of the Potomac drainage area by sewage and industrial and other wastes. The President shall appoint from the Department of the Treasury a representative of the United States to participate in such negotiations and make a report to Congress of the proceedings.

IRRIGATION AND RECLAMATION

Construction of Small Reservoirs. Mr. Griever.

H. R. 2512. Approved August 26. Public Law 387.

To authorize an appropriation of \$500,000 for expenditure by the Secretary of Interior under the reclamation laws to construct small storage reservoirs, no one of which may exceed \$50,000 in estimated cost. No appropriation was made.

Studies for Reclamation Projects in Oklahoma. Mr. Ferguson.

H. R. 7963. Approved August 19. Public Law 324.

Provides for studies and plans for the development of reclamation projects on the Cimarron, Washita, and North Canadian Rivers, all in Oklahoma.

Survey of Reclamation Projects. Mr. Hatch and Mr. Borah.

S. 413. Approved August 21. Public Law 331.

Creates a Commission to investigate the financial, economic, and other conditions of the various United States and Indian reclamation projects, with particular reference to the ability of each project to make payments of water-rights charges without undue burden to the water users, district, association, or other reclamation organization liable for such charges; and after careful investigation and study, to report to Congress, with recommendations. Provision is made to extend further relief to water users on U. S. reclamation projects and Indian irrigation projects. The Commission is to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The sum of \$30,000 is authorized

IRRIGATION AND RECLAMATION (Continued)

to be appropriated. (Note: This appropriation was made in the Third Deficiency Act, Public Law 354.)

LAND POLICIES

Water Utilization in Arid Areas. Mr. Pope.

S. 2863. Approved August 28. Public Law 399.

In order to effectuate the herein declared Congressional policy of assisting to provide facilities for water storage and utilization in arid and semi-arid areas, and in order to promote proper land use in such areas, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized: (1) to formulate and keep current a program of projects for the construction and maintenance of facilities; and their necessary appurtenances, for water storage and utilization, to be located where they will promote proper land utilization; (2) to construct and to dispose of the aforementioned facilities (and the land on which they are located), under such terms and conditions as will advance the purpose of the Act; (3) to cooperate or enter into agreements with, or to furnish financial or other aid to, any agency (governmental or otherwise), or any person, on such conditions as the Secretary may deem necessary for the purposes of the Act; and (4) to option or acquire lands, or rights or interests therein, only when necessary for the purposes of the Act. The aforementioned facilities may be located on any land, Federal or otherwise, upon obtaining the necessary cooperation, consent, rights, or interests. As a condition to extending the benefits to any land not owned or controlled by the United States, the Secretary may require, insofar as he may deem necessary: (a) the enactment of State and local laws for soil conservation and water utilization; (b) agreements or covenants regarding the maintenance and permanent use of the water, facilities, and land benefited; and (c) contributions to any operations conferring benefits. The Secretary is empowered to utilize employees and facilities of existing Departmental agencies whose functions are related to the program herein provided, and may allot funds available for carrying out the Act, to such agencies or to outside agencies. Undetermined appropriations are authorized to be made from time to time. No appropriation was made.

PUBLIC LANDS

Management of O. & C. Lands. Mr. DeRouen.

H. R. 7618. Approved August 29. Public Law 405.

Provides that the Secretary of the Interior shall manage the revested O. & C. lands (in Oregon, constituting approximately two and one-half million acres of fine timber land) for permanent forest production; that the timber thereon is to be sold, and removed in conformity with the principle of sustained yield for the purposes of providing a permanent source of timber supply, protecting watersheds, regulating stream flow, contributing to the economic stability of local communities and industries, and providing recreational facilities. The use of appropriate power sites for power purposes is safeguarded. Any lands deemed by the Secretary of the Interior more suitable for agricultural use than for forestry, stream flow protection, recreation, or other public purposes, may be restored to homestead entry. Grazing leases may be granted insofar as grazing will not interfere with timber production and other purposes stated. The revenue derived from these lands is to be distributed as follows: 25 percent for administration; 50 percent to the counties in which the lands lie; and 25 percent to be partly devoted to payment to the counties and partly

PUBLIC LANDS (Continued)

to reimbursing the Federal Treasury amounts due it by reason of Federal expenditures on account of lands.

Sale of Public Lands. (Wyoming) Mr. Greever.

H. R. 7867. Approved August 25. Public Law 361.

To amend the act admitting Wyoming to the Union to authorize the State to sell public lands at \$5.00 per acre in place of \$10.00 as now provided.

Extending Date for Proof of Homestead Entry. Mr. Hatch.

S. 329. Approved June 16. Public Law 154.

To further extend the period of time during which final proof may be offered by homestead and desert land entrymen, from December 31, 1935 to December 31, 1936.

To Prevent Speculation in Columbia Basin Lands. Mr. Schwellenbach.

S. 2172. Approved May 27. Public Law 117.

To prevent speculation in lands in the Columbia Basin which will be irrigated by the Grand Coulee Dam project. No dam project funds are to be spent on irrigation and reclamation until a number of conditions have been complied with. Privately owned lands, including county and certain State lands to be irrigated, shall be first appraised as the Secretary of the Interior prescribes, but without reference to the proposed irrigation works. A contract must be made with State-organized irrigation districts providing for payment by the district to the United States of that part of the cost of the project chargeable to irrigation, and the contract must provide that in general lands held by one person shall not be entitled to receive water as to that part in excess of 40 acres, and that no water will be furnished until he agrees to sell the excess on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Secretary, who may require an irrevocable power of attorney to sell such excess as a condition precedent to furnishing water. Where any land is sold at more than the appraised value plus improvement and irrigation costs, the United States is entitled to from 50 to 100 percent of the excess, depending on the length of time elapsing between making the sale and payment. The State must have consented to the provisions of the Act where projects are within its jurisdiction or include State lands. The Secretary is authorized to spend \$350,000 of project funds for the survey and appraisal of irrigable lands of the project and for surveys and plans for irrigation works.

SOIL CONSERVATION

Extending Period of Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Jones.

H. R. 3687. Approved June 26. Public Law 170.

To amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act to extend the period during which the purposes of the Act may be carried out, from January 1, 1938 to January 1, 1942.

TENANCY, REHABILITATION, SUBMARGINAL LAND

Farm Tenant and Land Program (Bankhead-Jones Act).

H. R. 7562. Approved July 22. Public Law 210.

To promote the ownership of farm homes by authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Farmers' Home Corporation created under Title IV of the Act, to make loans to farm tenants, laborers, and sharecroppers (preference to be given to married persons or those having dependent families), for the purchase of economic farm units. The

Secretary is authorized to appoint in each county in which such activities are carried on, a county committee of three resident farmers who shall examine applications for loans and appraise the farm for which the application is made, certifying to the Secretary as to ability and character of the applicant and the likelihood of success upon the farm. Loans may be made, not exceeding the value of the farm, for a term of not more than forty nor less than five years, at three percent interest; the contract providing for amortization, prevention of waste, for proper farming practices as prescribed by the Secretary. The borrower shall pay the taxes and insurance and may not transfer or encumber the property without the consent of the Secretary. An appropriation is authorized of \$10,000,000 for the fiscal year 1938, \$25,000,000 for 1939, \$50,000,000 for each subsequent year; and not exceeding five percent of any annual appropriation may be used for administrative expenses. Title II provides for rehabilitation loans, and funds may be allotted by the President from the relief appropriations for such loans. Title III authorizes the Secretary to develop a program of land conservation and land utilization, including the retirement of lands which are submarginal or not primarily suitable for cultivation, in order to correct maladjustments in land use, and thus assist in controlling soil erosion, reforestation, preserving natural resources, mitigating floods, and protecting watersheds of navigable streams. To carry out this program the Secretary may acquire, by any method, submarginal land subject to any reservation which will not interfere with the utilization of such land for the purposes of this title. The Secretary may improve, develop, and administer any property so acquired to adapt it to its most beneficial use. He may dispose of or lease any land so acquired to any public agency for public use. He may cooperate with any public agency in developing plans for a program of land conservation and utilization, conduct surveys relating to conditions and factors affecting and most effectively accomplishing the purposes of this title, and disseminate information concerning these activities. For this purpose there is an authorized appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the fiscal year 1938 and \$20,000,000 for each of the two fiscal years thereafter. Title IV creates and provides for the operation of the corporation, but its jurisdiction is limited to tenancy and rehabilitation. It may not exercise any powers under the submarginal land purchase program. Property in the hands of the beneficiaries is tax exempt, though the Secretary is authorized to make payments in lieu of taxes. (Appropriation of \$10,000,000 for land program and \$10,000,000 for tenancy program was made in Public Law 354.)

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Federal Aid to States for Wildlife Projects. Mr. Pittman.

S. 2670. Approved September 2. Public Law 415.

Provides for allocation of Federal receipts from taxes on firearms, shells, and cartridges, to the States, one half in ratio of area of the State to the area of all States, and one half in ratio of the number of license holders in the State to the number of license holders in all States, to aid the States in wildlife-restoration projects (including research and the selection, acquisition, restoration, rehabilitation, and improvement of suitable and adaptable areas of land and water). No money apportioned under this Act to any State may be expended therein until after the enactment of legislation for wildlife conservation (which shall include a pro-

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hibition against the diversion of hunting license fees for any other purpose than the administration of the State Fish and Game Department), nor until after the State's assent to the provisions of this Act. The Secretary of Agriculture and the State Fish and Game Department must agree upon the wildlife-restoration projects to be aided; and all projects must conform to the standards fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture and may not be undertaken until approved by him. Further provisions include: (1) not exceeding 8 percent annually of the revenues derived from the Federal firearms and ammunition taxes, as the Secretary of Agriculture may estimate to be necessary for his expenses in the administration and execution of this Act and of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, is to be deducted therefor; (2) the aid to any State is not to exceed 75 percent of the total cost of each project; (3) no State is entitled to more than \$150,000, and each State is entitled to at least \$15,000; (4) items included for engineering, inspection, and unforeseen contingencies in connection with any construction works may not exceed 10 percent of the total cost of such works and must be paid for by the State as a part of its contribution; (5) all construction work and labor in each State must be performed in accordance with its laws and under the direct supervision of the State Fish and Game Department, subject to the inspection and approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, and in accordance with rules and regulations made by him by virtue of his authority under the Act; (6) any State's allotment which is not duly claimed is to be applied to carry out the provisions of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, and any duly claimed allotment not expended by the State before the end of a succeeding fiscal year is to be likewise applied.

II. STATE LEGISLATION, CLASSIFIED BY SUBJECT-MATTER

AGRICULTURE

California. A. A. A. Amendment. Mr. Corwin.

H. B. 1496. Approved July 1. Ch. 910, Laws of 1937.

To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to conform to the amended Federal A. A. A. law, establish further marketing agreements, and rehabilitate agriculture.

Illinois. Accepting Federal Aid for Agricultural Research, etc. Mr. Garman.

H. J. R. 24. Adopted April 7. Laws of 1937, p. 1224.

To accept Federal money (Public 182-74th Congress) for research into basic laws and principles of agriculture, for agricultural extension work, and support of land-grant colleges.

Indiana. Accepting Federal Aid for Agricultural Research, etc. Mr. Eichhom.

S. J. R. 5. Approved March 8. Ch. 307, Laws of 1937.

To accept the provisions of the Federal act (Public 182-74th Congress) to provide for research into basic laws and principles relating to agriculture, for agricultural extension work, and the support of land-grant colleges.

Maine. Accepting Federal Aid for Agricultural Research, etc. Mr. Gyger.

H. B. 36. Approved March 3. Ch. 11, Resolves of 1937.

To accept the provisions of the Federal act (Public 182-74th Congress) to provide for research into basic laws and principles relating to agriculture, for agricultural extension work, and the support of land-grant colleges.

Nebraska. Agricultural Census. Mr. Brodnecky.

Bill 266. Approved April 5.

To authorize the precinct assessor to take an agricultural census at the time of assessment.

New Hampshire. Accepting Federal Aid for Agricultural Research.

H. B. 392. Approved April 13.

To assent to the Federal act (Public 182-74th Congress) to provide for research into basic laws and principles relating to agriculture, and to provide for further development of cooperative agricultural extension work.

North Carolina. Accepting Federal Aid for Agricultural Research, etc.

Mr. Eagles.

H. B. 295. Ratified March 1.

To assent to the provisions of the Federal act (Public 182-74th Congress) to provide for research into basic laws and principles relating to agriculture, and to further the development of cooperative agricultural extension work.

Wisconsin. Creating a Home and Farm Credit Administration. Finance Committee.

S. B. 39. Approved March 18. Ch. 26, Laws of 1937.

To create the Home and Farm Credit Administration in charge of a Director appointed by the Governor. The Director shall assist needy farmers and home owners to obtain credit facilities, cooperate with the Federal Government, conciliate debtors and creditors, and secure aid for farms suffering from drought. There is an appropriation of \$30,000 for remaining part of fiscal year 1937, \$50,000 for fiscal year beginning July 1, 1937, and \$50,000 for fiscal year beginning July 1, 1938.

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Arkansas. Creating Flood Control Commission. Mr. Warfield.

H. B. 465. Approved March 9. Act 312, Laws of 1937.

To create a Flood Control Commission for the purpose of constructing or improving flood control works; with the incidental power to relocate bridges, buildings, roads, streets, railroads, and service utilities. All such work undertaken shall be outside the boundary lines of any existing levee or drainage district. The Commission is authorized to cooperate with the War Department, and may receive on behalf of the State any Federal grants or loans to be used within the State for flood control purposes.

Colorado. Creating a Water Conservation Board. Mr. Graham.

H. B. 6. Approved June 1. Ch. 265, Laws of 1937.

To create a Water Conservation Board consisting of the Governor, Attorney General, State Engineer, Director of State Planning Commission, and seven members appointed by the Governor. The Board shall have power to negotiate interstate compacts to conserve the water of the State, encourage irrigation districts and water users' associations, cooperate with Federal agencies, investigate plans and activities of other States, and formulate drafts of legislation.

Colorado. Creating Colorado River Conservation District. Mr. Stone.

H. B. 504. Approved June 7. Ch. 220, Laws of 1937, p. 997.

To create the Colorado River Water Conservation District under the direction of a board of seven appointed by the county commissioners of the counties within the district. The board shall have power to make surveys and investigations to determine methods of utilizing stream flow, amounts of flow, and the location of ditches and reservoirs, and to contract and cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Reclamation.

Colorado. Providing for Organization of Water Districts. Mr. Smith.

H. B. 714. Approved May 13. Ch. 266, Laws of 1937, p. 1309.

To provide for the organization of water conservancy districts, upon petition to the district court and after hearing. After organization the court appoints a board of directors who shall have power to acquire waterworks, rights and sources of supply, and cooperate with the Federal Government under the reclamation laws.

Colorado. Tax Rebate to Encourage Reservoir Construction. Mr. Ragan.

S. B. 255. Approved April 8. Ch. 185, Laws of 1937, p. 787.

Owners of land (outside cities or towns) who either construct reservoirs or donate land for the construction of a reservoir across a normally dry watercourse for the collection and storage of unappropriated surface water, shall be entitled to a reduction of general taxes of \$40.00 per acre foot of storage capacity so provided.

Connecticut. Interstate Commission on Stream Pollution. Mr. O'Connell.

H. B. 1294. Approved June 3. Spec. Act No. 356, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the Governor to appoint a Commission (Attorney General, members of State Water Commission, Commissioner of Health, and others he deems advisable) to act jointly with Commissions from New York and New Jersey to formulate a treaty or compact to prevent and eradicate pollution of waterways common to two or more of the three States.

Idaho. Creating a Water Conservation Board. Mr. Thornton and Mr. Hendricks.

H. B. 10. Law without Approval, February 19.

To create a State Water Conservation Board of six appointees of the Governor for the development and utilization of water for irrigation. The Board is to make surveys for the conservation and storage of water

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for irrigation, domestic consumption, livestock, and flood control, and formulate plans for construction of necessary dams. The agency is to cooperate with the Federal Government, other agencies of Idaho, or organizations of water users, and may enter cooperative agreements. Reports are to be submitted to the Legislature and Governor.

Idaho. To Regulate Transfer of Power Development Permits. Irrigation Committee.

S. B. 154. Approved March 15.

To prohibit the transfer or sale of permits issued by the Reclamation Department for power development without written consent of the Commissioner of Reclamation after hearing. Applications for such transfers are made in the same manner as new applications.

Illinois. Flood Relief Appropriation. Mr. Powell.

H. B. 176. Approved March 16. Laws of 1937, p. 1143.

To appropriate \$500,000 for flood relief for emergency expenses incurred due to flood disasters in the State. Disbursements are to be made by the Department of Finance upon recommendation by the Governor.

Illinois. Accepting of Federal Works by Drainage and Levee Districts.

S. B. 406. Approved June 12. Laws of 1937, p. 503.

To authorize the organization (as now provided by law) of new drainage or levee districts for the purpose of accepting works to be constructed by the United States, and authorize acceptance of such works.

Indiana. Flood Relief Appropriation. Mr. Thompson.

H. B. 154. Approved January 30, Ch. 4, Laws 1937.

To appropriate \$250,000 for the relief of distress caused by recent floods, to be expended under direction of the Governor.

Massachusetts. Acquisition of Lands for Flood Control. Mr. Luitwieler.

H. B. 1860. Approved May 28. Ch. 423, Laws 1937.

To provide for the acquisition of lands, easements, and rights of way for flood control purposes in the Merrimack River, in compliance with the interstate compact for flood control in the Merrimack River Valley.

Massachusetts. Acquisition of Lands for Flood Control. Mr. Baylies.

H. B. 1861. Approved May 29. Ch. 397, Laws 1937.

To provide for the acquisition of lands, easements, and rights of way for flood control purposes in the Connecticut River, in compliance with the interstate compact for flood control in the Connecticut River Valley.

Massachusetts. Survey of Merrimack Valley.

S. B. 450. Approved May 28. Ch. Resolve 60, Resolves of 1937.

To create a Commission (Commissioners of Health, Utilities, Public Works, Conservation, and Chairman of State Planning Board) to investigate in the Merrimack Valley transportation service, traffic, establishment of sewerage districts, disposal of waste, purification of the river, improvement of roads and waterways, water supply, recreational facilities, game preserves, flood control, soil conservation, and general improvements of natural resources. The Commission shall report to the Legislature by December 1, 1937, the results of its investigations and study, and its recommendations, with drafts of legislation necessary to carry these recommendations into effect.

New Hampshire. Creates a Water Control Commission. Committee on Rules.

H. B. 432. Approved June 17.

To establish a Water Control Commission of five commissioners to be

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appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Council. The Commission is authorized to make investigations of water levels and rights with a view to controlling such levels and rights. All plans for the construction of dams shall be submitted to the Commission for its approval, and the Commission may make any orders relative to specifications for the safety of such dams. The Commission shall inspect all dams from time to time and order the owner to make a requisite repair or reconstruction within a reasonable period to be fixed by the order.

New Hampshire. Acquisition of Lands for Flood Control. Rules Committee.
H. B. 466. Approved June 30.

To comply with the interstate compact for flood control in the Connecticut River Valley by authorizing the acquisition of lands, easements, and rights of way essential for flood control purposes.

New Hampshire. Acquisition of Lands for Flood Control. Rules Committee.
H. B. 475. Approved June 30.

To provide for cooperation with the Merrimack River Valley Flood Control Commission and to comply with the Interstate compact concerning flood control on the river, by authorizing the acquisition of lands, easements, and rights of way for carrying out flood control projects.

New Mexico. Acquisition of Lands for Power and Reclamation. Mr. Burmmell.
H. B. 201. Approved March 15.

To provide for the acquisition of lands and rights for Bluewater Reservoir sites, power, and recreational purposes, and authorize the development of such lands.

New York. Development of Federal Flood Program. Mr. Kirnan.

S. B. 214. Approved February 8. Ch. 5, Laws of 1937.

S. B. 1676. Approved May 28. Ch. 730, Laws of 1937.

To continue the Commission to assist in the consummation of a Federal long-range program of flood control to March 15, 1938, with an appropriation of \$19,560.45 with \$10,000 additional by S. 1676. The Commission shall report to the Legislature by the same date, with recommendations.

North Dakota. Creating Water Conservation Commission. Mr. Hagen.

H. B. 125. Approved March 6.

To create a State Water Conservation Commission. The Commission is authorized to construct, after preparing plans and estimates, projects for individual owners or state-wide projects for the conservation and use of water. The Commission is authorized to make necessary surveys, investigations, and plans, to carry out a comprehensive state-wide program of water conservation. The Commission is authorized to issue revenue bonds to finance the projects. It may enter into contracts, leases, and agreements with the Federal Government or with other States for the construction of any works or projects.

North Dakota. Creating a Mouse River Authority. Mr. Niewoehner.

H. B. 341. Approved March 10.

To establish a Mouse River Authority for the purpose of developing a comprehensive program for the development of the water, game, fish, and agricultural and recreational resources of the Mouse River Valley. All proposed water development or conservation projects within the Valley shall be submitted to the Authority before being undertaken, for such recommendations as in its judgment are necessary to harmonize the proposal within general development of the water resources

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of the Valley as a whole. The Authority shall have power and it shall be its duty to recommend, supervise, and assist in the supervision of the construction of water development or conservation projects within the Valley. It may make rules and regulations relative to the use of the waters of the river for irrigation.

Ohio. Flood Relief Appropriation. Mr. Doyle.

H. B. 85. Approved January 25.

To appropriate \$250,000 to the Adjutant General for flood and emergency purposes.

Ohio. Cooperation with Federal Flood Program. Mr. Kilpatrick.

H. B. 205. Approved May 17.

To authorize the county commissioners to cooperate with States and Federal authorities to regulate, create, and construct a complete and coordinated system of water conservation and flood control.

Ohio. Tax Rebate for Dam Construction. Mr. McCulloch.

H. B. 460. Approved May 17.

To authorize any land owner to construct (upon approval of the Director of Public Works) dams or reservoirs for storing surface water. A reduction of \$40.00 for each acre foot of storage capacity shall be credited to the assessed valuation of the land so used, provided the total such reduction shall not exceed 40 percent of the assessed valuation of the contiguous acreage owned by the landowner.

Oklahoma. Reorganizes State Planning Board. Mr. Rorschach.

S. B. 107. Approved April 15.

To create a State Planning and Resources Board to provide for a survey of the agricultural, industrial, and human resources of the State for the conservation and better utilization of such resources. Such Board is to consist of 7 members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the State Soil Conservation Committee. The powers and duties now in the State Engineer and in the County Highway Engineer pertaining to waters, drainage, irrigation, and water control, are to be transferred to the Planning and Resources Board. The powers and duties now existing in the State Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Forest Commission, are all transferred to this Planning and Resources Board. The Board is given authority to request the assistance of, and cooperate with, Federal agencies in the construction of any project, and provide necessary land for cooperation under the Federal Flood Control Act of 1936 (Public 738-74th Congress). Further authority is conferred upon the Board to regulate, control, and prevent pollution of all streams or water in the State. An appropriation of \$175,000 is made for cooperation under the Flood Control Act. A Division of Forestry is provided for with an annual budget of \$25,000. A Division of State Planning is created with an annual budget of \$35,000. The water resources and pollution activities are placed under a third division with an annual budget of \$51,950. State parks are placed under the fourth division with an annual budget of \$58,300. The total annual appropriation for the Board is \$300,000.

Pennsylvania. Stream Pollution.

H. B. 158. Approved June 22. Act No. 394, Laws of 1937.

To preserve and improve the purity of the waters of the State for the protection of health and aquatic life, and to prevent stream and water supply pollution.

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Pennsylvania. Flood Control Appropriation. Mr. Weiss and Mr. Lopresti.

H. B. 557. Approved June 5. Act No. 47A, Laws of 1937.

To appropriate \$4,900,000 for flood control to be expended under the direction of the Water and Power Resources Board.

Tennessee. Creating a County River Commission (Lauderdale County). Mr. Tucker.

H. B. 646. Approved March 4. Ch. 323, Private Acts of 1937.

To create a County River Commission in Lauderdale County for the purpose of formulating plans after a comprehensive survey of flood control along the Mississippi River. The Commission shall execute such plans and it is also charged with the rehabilitation of the flooded areas of the county. The Commission may acquire, lease, or sell real or personal property, farm any land under its control, and improve and equip farms wherever necessary. The Commission shall cooperate with the Federal and State governments in any plans for flood relief and control. The county is authorized to issue bonds to finance the plans and projects of the Commission.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Colorado. Creating a State Board of Forestry. Mr. Hoefnagel.

H. B. 543. Approved June 3. Ch. 211, Laws of 1937.

To create a State Board of Forestry to acquire and develop forests, harvest and market the products therefrom, protect the forest lands from erosion and insects, and cooperate with private owners for proper forestry measures and practices. The Board is authorized to enter agreements and contracts with Federal or other governmental agencies. There is an appropriation of \$2,500.

Connecticut. Creating a State Department of Finance and Control.

H. B. 1545. Approved May 20. Ch. 280, Laws of 1937.

To create a State Department of Finance and Control under the supervision of a Commissioner. The Commissioner appoints, with the approval of the Governor, a Director of the Budget to assist the Governor in preparing budget estimates.

Delaware. Creating a State Park Commission. Mr. Steele.

S. B. 127. Approved May 11.

To create a State Park Commission of 5 members for the purpose of establishing and maintaining State parks and recreational areas. The Commission shall acquire necessary lands to carry out the purposes of the act.

Georgia. Creating a State Department of Conservation and Development.

H. B. 159. Approved March 5.

To create a Department of Conservation and Development under the direction of a Board of Conservation and Development. The Board is to be composed of 5 members, consisting of the Commissioner of the Department as chairman, and 4 directors, all appointed by the Governor. The Department is to take over the power and duties exercised by the State Department of Game and Fish, State Geologist, and State Board of Forestry. The Board is to promote the conservation and development of the natural resources of the State by a more profitable use of lands, forests and waters, and commerce and industry. The Board is authorized to cooperate with the Federal Government in carrying out any suggestions or plans of the Department and with political subdivisions of the State. The State Board of Game and Fish is abolished.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Maryland. Creating the Department of Drainage. Mr. Reich and Mr. Bennett.
H. B. 597. Approved May 18. Ch. 465, Laws of 1937.

To establish a Department of Drainage under the State Board of Agriculture, administered by the Professor of Agricultural Engineering (designated State Drainage Engineer) of the University of Maryland. Such Drainage Engineer shall promote and encourage the drainage of agricultural lands, correlate activities of local drainage organizations, and cooperate with State and Federal agencies for a permanent program of improved drainage.

Maryland. Creating a Commission to Investigate Local Government. Mr. Dorsey.

H. J. R. 18. Approved May 18. Joint Resolution 50, Laws of 1937.
To create a Commission of nine members, to be appointed by the Governor, for the purpose of studying Maryland laws and laws of other States relating to county and municipal government, and to report and recommend desirable legislation to the Governor and Legislature by January 15, 1939.

Maryland. Continuing a Land Law Investigation. Mr. Grissacker.

H. J. R. 22. Approved May 18. Resolution 13, Laws of 1937.
To continue the Land Laws Commission (Laws 1929, Ch. 527, Laws 1935, Joint Resolution 16) for the study of land laws. A report with recommendations and drafts of legislation is to be submitted to the Governor and General Assembly of 1939.

Massachusetts. Creating a Development and Industrial Commission.

H. B. 1902. Approved May 29. Ch. 427, Laws of 1937.
To establish the Development and Industrial Commission in the Department of Labor and Industries for the purpose of promoting and developing industrial, agricultural, and recreational resources of the State. The Commission shall conduct research into agricultural and industrial conditions, and seek to coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized to promote such interests. It may advertise and publish information concerning the recreational advantages of the New England States.

Minnesota. Creating a Department of Conservation. Mr. Stiening.

S. B. 135. Approved April 21. Ch. 310, Laws of 1937.
To create a Department of Conservation under the control of a Commissioner of Conservation appointed by the Governor. The powers and duties of the existing Conservation Commission are to be transferred to the Commissioner. The Department is to contain a Division of Forestry, Division of Drainage and Waters, Division of Game and Fish, Division of Lands and Minerals, and a Division of State Parks. Land sales shall be made after appraisal by the Division of Lands and Minerals and approval of the Commissioner. All State lands are to be classified by the Commissioner to determine their administration either for forestry or agriculture.

Montana. Establishing Procedure for Abandoning County Government.

S. B. 124. Approved March 15. Ch. 105, Laws of 1937.
To define a procedure for abandoning and abolishing of any organized county. Upon petition, an election may be held in the county to be abolished and in the adjoining counties to which the territory of the abandoned county may be added. Provision is made, upon a favorable vote, for transferring property, money, rights, claims, etc. to the adjoining counties.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION (Continued)

New Hampshire. Changing Composition of Land Use Board. Mr. Blood.

S. B. 42. Approved March 11.

To amend the Act granting consent to the United States to acquire land. The original Act created a Land Use Board to cooperate and advise on such acquisitions. This amendment is to designate the members of the State Planning and Development Commission as the members of the Land Use Board.

New York. Providing for Optional Forms of County Government. Mr. Desmond.

S. B. 75. Approved June 2. Ch. 862, Laws of 1937.

To provide optional forms of county government. Four plans are provided under which counties may operate: the County Mayor form, County Manager form, County Director form, and County Board form. An election may be held to vote upon the adoption of any of the four plans provided for in the Act. County Boards of Supervisors shall be the determining body of the county and shall be vested with power to levy taxes, appropriate funds, and enact local county laws relative to property and the government of the county.

North Carolina. To Reorganize Department of Agriculture. Mr. Poole.

H. B. 266. Ratified March 15.

To reorganize the Department of Agriculture to be known as the Department of Agriculture, Immigration, and Statistics, under the control of a Commissioner of Agriculture. A Board of Agriculture is created consisting of the Commissioner of Agriculture as chairman, and 10 members representing the different agricultural sections of the State, to be appointed by the Governor. The Commissioner of Agriculture and the members of the Board shall be practical farmers engaged in their profession.

Tennessee. Reorganizing the State Government. Mr. Haynes.

H. B. 275. Approved February 1. Ch. 33, Public Acts of 1937.

To reorganize the administrative and executive departments and agencies of the State Government. Each department is to be under the supervision of a Commissioner. The Department of Agriculture is to continue to exercise all the rights, powers, and duties now vested in it, except the functions regarding forestry, which are transferred to the Department of Conservation. The Department of Conservation is to exercise all its present rights, powers, and duties for the conservation of game, fish, and wildlife, and in addition, exercise the functions of the Division of Forestry, which is transferred from the Department of Agriculture. The Division of Geology is transferred from the Department of Education to the Department of Conservation. The State Park and Forest Commission is abolished and its powers and duties are transferred to the Department of Conservation. The Governor may appoint an advisory committee on conservation, consisting of 6 persons, to advise the Commissioner of Conservation on the work of the Department and to make suggestions for the development of conservation projects.

Tennessee. Creating a Division of Forestry.

H. B. 1441. Approved May 21. Ch. 280, Laws of 1937.

To establish in the Department of Conservation as created under Laws of 1937, Ch. 33, a Division of Forestry under the direction of a Forester appointed by the Commissioner. The Forester may acquire or purchase tax delinquent and other lands suitable for State forests, and may enter into agreements with the United States relative to their administration.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Wyoming. Creating a Parks Commission. Mr. Raymond.

S. B. 81. Approved February 24. Ch. 103, Laws of 1937.

To Create a State Parks Commission with power to establish and operate State parks, recreational camps, and parkways.

GRAZING

Arizona. Distribution of Taylor Grazing Fees. Mr. Smith.

S. B. 28. Approved February 25. Ch. 11, Laws of 1937.

To provide for the disbursement of receipts from grazing permits and leases received from the Federal Government under the Taylor Grazing Act. Such money is to be distributed to the counties in proportion to the amount of public lands in the county. Money received from grazing fees of a grazing district including public lands, shall be credited to the range improvement fund of such district and may be expended as the Board of Supervisors of the district may direct for range improvement.

California. Distribution of Taylor Grazing Fees. Mr. Wagy and Mr. Powers.

S. B. 326. Approved July 1. Ch. 807, Laws of 1937.

To provide for the distribution of funds received under the Taylor Grazing Act. Such funds shall be paid to the county in which the grazing district or public land is located. All money received from grazing fees of a grazing district shall be credited to the range improvement funds of the grazing district, to be expended under the direction of the district advisers for range improvement.

INTERSTATE COMPACTS.

Colorado. Extension of Rio Grande Compact. Mr. Headlee.

S. B. 53. Approved April 19. Ch. 228, Laws of 1937.

To ratify the extension of the compact concerning the use of the water of the Rio Grande River, with the States of New Mexico and Texas.

Colorado. To Negotiate Compact on North Platte and Laramie Rivers. Mr. Murphy.

S. B. 58. Approved May 6. Ch. 181, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners to represent the State upon a joint Commission representing Colorado and Wyoming, for the purpose of negotiating, with the consent of Congress, a compact relative to the disposition of the waters of the North Platte and Laramie Rivers.

Colorado. To Negotiate Compact on North Platte and Laramie Rivers.

S. B. 59. Approved May 6. Ch. 183, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners to represent the State upon a Joint Commission representing Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska, for the purpose of negotiating, with the consent of Congress, a compact relative to the disposition of the waters of the North Platte and Laramie Rivers.

Colorado. To Negotiate Compact on Little Snake and North Platte Rivers.

S. B. 60. Approved May 6. Ch. 182, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners to represent the State, upon a Joint Commission representing Colorado and Wyoming, for the purpose of negotiating, with the consent of Congress, a compact with respect to the disposition of the waters of the North Platte and Little Snake Rivers.

Connecticut. Ratifying a Flood Control Compact on Connecticut River.

H. B. 1659. Approved June 22. Special Act No. 501, Laws of 1937.

To ratify the compact with Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont, for the control of floods in the Connecticut River Valley.

INTERSTATE COMPACTS (Continued)

- Illinois. Creating an Interstate Flood Relief and Prevention Commission.
S. B. 63. Approved May 7.
To create an Interstate Flood Relief and Prevention Commission to cooperate with public and private agencies of other States, the Council of State Governments, and the Federal Government, for the formulating of definite plans for flood control and prevention.
- Massachusetts. Ratifying Flood Control Compact on Connecticut River.
S. B. 426. Approved May 29. Ch. 402, Laws of 1937.
To ratify a compact with Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Vermont relative to flood control in the Connecticut River Valley.
- Massachusetts. Ratifying Flood Control Compact on Merrimack River.
S. B. 427. Approved May 29. Ch. 403, Laws of 1937.
To ratify a compact with New Hampshire relative to flood control in the Merrimack River Valley.
- New Hampshire. Ratifying Flood Control Compact on Connecticut River.
H. B. 467. Approved June 30.
To ratify a compact with Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont relative to flood control in the Connecticut River Valley.
- New Hampshire. Ratifying Flood Control Compact on Merrimack River.
H. B. 476. Approved June 30.
To ratify a compact with the State of Massachusetts, for the control of floods in the Merrimack River Basin.
- New Mexico. Extending Rio Grande Compact.
S. B. 234. Approved March 17.
To extend and ratify the Rio Grande compact relative to the use of the water of the Rio Grande River with the States of Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas.
- North Dakota. To Negotiate Water Control Compact on Red River. Mr. Coffey.
S. B. 180. Approved March 10.
To negotiate a compact with the States of Minnesota and South Dakota for the control, utilization, and prevention of pollution of the waters of the Red River within the three States. There is created as a corporation the Tri-State Waters Commission of three members from each State, to make recommendations to the respective Legislatures of legislation deemed advisable, to survey and study the water problems within the area, and formulate programs of regulation in conformity with the laws of the respective States. Programs of work of an interstate character in the area, prepared by State or local agencies, shall be approved by the Commission before construction is begun. The Commission shall cooperate with Federal, State, and local agencies in relation to any of its functions.
- Ohio. To Negotiate Ohio River Pollution Compact.
H. B. 450. Approved May 12.
To authorize the negotiation of a treaty with the States of the Ohio Valley for the control of pollution of the waters of the Ohio River.
- Pennsylvania. Ratification of Compact on Pymatuning Lake. Mr. Thompson.
S. B. 894. Approved June 5. Act 348, Laws of 1937.
To ratify a compact with Ohio relative to the development, use, control, and protection of Pymatuning Lake and the State-owned lands surrounding it, for fishing, hunting, recreational, and park purposes.
(Congressional Consent in Public Law 398, on page 7 of this Bulletin.)

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South Dakota. To Negotiate Water Control Compact on Red River.

S. B. 121. Approved March 5.

To negotiate a compact with the States of Minnesota and North Dakota for the control, utilization, and prevention of pollution of the waters of the Red River within the three States. There is created as a corporation the Tristate Waters Commission of three members from each State, to make recommendations to the respective Legislatures of legislation deemed advisable, to survey and study the water problems within the area, and formulate programs of regulation in conformity with the laws of the respective States. Programs of work of an interstate character in the area, prepared by State or local agencies, shall be approved by the Commission before construction is begun. The Commission shall cooperate with Federal, State, and local agencies in relation to any of its functions.

Texas. Extending Rio Grande Compact. Mr. Hankamer.

H. B. 985. Approved April 27.

To extend and ratify the provisions of the Rio Grande Compact with the States of Colorado and New Mexico, with respect to the use of the waters of the Rio Grande River.

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California. Subdivision Regulation. Mr. Weber.

A. B. 2055. Approved June 30. Ch. 670, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the governing bodies of cities and counties to control and regulate real estate subdivisions. No land in any subdivision may be sold until a final map or survey map thereof, in compliance with this act or any local ordinance, has been duly recorded. Compliance with regulations or ordinances is a condition precedent to approval by the governing body of such subdivisions.

Connecticut. Appropriation for Control of Dutch Elm Disease. Mr. Kitchel.

H. B. 154. Approved June 16. Spec. Act No. 498. Laws of 1937.

To appropriate \$25,000 for use by the Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station to control Dutch Elm disease.

Connecticut. Subdivision Regulation. Mr. Mead.

H. B. 968. Approved June 16. Ch. 334, Laws of 1937.

To regulate the subdivision of land. Any town, city, or borough having a planning commission may by ordinance provide that such commission shall approve all subdivisions and plats prior to recording, if the plats conform to the regulations established by the commission under the authority of this act. No land may be sold with reference to or exhibition of a subdivision or plan unless the plan or subdivision is approved by the planning commission and recorded.

Florida. Building Regulation. Mr. Tillman.

S. B. 1155. Approved June 14.

To authorize the Boards of County Commissioners of certain counties to condemn buildings and residences and other structures which are obsolete and dangerous to public health, or as a fire hazard, and to sell or destroy such buildings.

Idaho. Noxious Weed Control. Committee on Agriculture.

H. B. 258. Approved March 17.

To authorize the county commissioners to levy annually sufficient tax to finance the control of noxious weeds. The Extension Department of the University is to cooperate with county commissioners in the control and eradication of such weeds.

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Illinois. Noxious Weed Control. Mr. Wilson.

H. B. 392. Approved May 21. Laws of 1937, p. 8.

To amend the existing noxious weed act requiring all owners of land to destroy noxious weeds, by adding perennial saw thistles and European bind-weed to the list of noxious weeds.

Illinois. Cooperation with Federal Government on Secondary Roads.

H. B. 540. Approved July 8. Laws of 1937, p. 1068.

To authorize the Department of Public Works and Buildings to co-operate with the Federal Government in establishing and improving a system of secondary farm-to-market and feeder roads.

Illinois. State Aid for Roads. Mr. Lager.

H. B. 543. Approved July 8. Laws of 1937, p. 1070.

To permit counties to designate an additional State aid mileage of 10 percent of total, when 80 percent of the State aid system in the county has been completed.

Iowa. Pest Control. Agricultural Commission.

S. B. 92. Approved May 1.

To appropriate \$25,000 for the biennium for the control of grasshoppers and other crop pests, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture with the approval of the Executive Council and State Comptroller.

Kansas. Expenditures for Roads Through Federal Reservations. Mr. Wall.

S. B. 463. Approved March 23.

To authorize the Highway Commission to expend funds to maintain, with the consent of the Federal Government, State and Federal routes and highways which traverse Federal reservations or property; provided that such roads shall not be considered as part of the State highway system, nor in computing the total mileage upon the State highway system.

Kansas. Soil Erosion. Agriculture Committee.

S. B. 507. Approved March 23.

To prevent soil erosion by making it the duty of each land owner to plant or cultivate the soil so as to prevent or minimize erosion. The Board of County Commissioners, after being advised by the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture as to the best methods of preventing erosion, shall, after inspection, order lands to be disced, listed, or cultivated in any other manner. The Commissioners shall confer with the owner and afford him opportunity to comply. If he cannot or will not, the Commissioners may have it done and pay for it from the "Soil-Drifting Fund". Section 10 is to repeal H. B. 130. Approved February 8. (Bulletin 8, p. 6.)

Maine. Authorizes Highway Planning Survey in Cooperation with U.S.D.A.

S. B. 300. Approved April 21. Ch. 135, Resolves of 1937.

To authorize the State Highway Commission to enter into a project agreement with the U.S.D.A. to carry out a planning survey of the highways of the State, for the purpose of developing a road building program (including farm-to-market roads) and the financing thereof, for submission to the next Legislature.

Montana. Soil Conservation Districts. Committee on Agriculture.

H. B. 298. Approved March 16. Ch. 157, Laws of 1937.

To permit the creation of Soil Conservation Districts similar in form to the existing cooperative grazing districts. The nature of the districts resembles public corporations. The State Water Conservation Board is designated as the State Soil Conservation Committee, with

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the Director of the State Agricultural Experiment Station as an ex-officio member. The State Committee supervises the organization of districts and assists them after their formation. This Act provides that land use regulations may be enacted by the district and enforced on all lands within its boundaries.

Nevada. Cooperation with Federal Government on Secondary Roads.

A. B. 208. Approved March 12. Ch. 64, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the Department of Highways to construct and maintain a system of secondary roads (including farm-to-market roads) in co-operation with the Federal Government.

New Mexico. Authorizing Formation of Wind Erosion Districts. Mr. Jones. S. B. 48. Approved March 17. Ch. 222, Laws of 1937.

To provide for the creation of wind erosion districts upon petition of 25 percent of the freeholders owning more than 25 percent of the lands within the proposed district. The petition is to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners who, after hearing, shall define and establish boundaries of such district. The governing body of 3 is to be selected as a Board of Supervisors to govern the district. The district is to have power to conduct surveys and research relating to the character of erosion, and preventive and control measures necessary, in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service and the County Agent. The governing body shall determine upon a program of preventive measures, and when such plan is adopted by the Board of Supervisors it may make uniform rules and regulations to carry out the official plan to control soil erosion. After due notice, land owners are required to take such steps as are necessary to carry out the recommendations of the plan, and upon failure the Board of Supervisors may, upon petition to the District Court and after hearing, if the court so determines, enter upon the land involved and perform the work necessary. State lands within the district are subject to the Act and the State Land Commissioner is authorized to comply with the requirements of the official plan.

Ohio. Cooperation with Federal Government in Constructing and Repairing Roads.

H. B. 615. Approved May 14.

To authorize the Director of Highways to enter into agreements with the United States relative to the construction and repair of highways.

Ohio. Revision and Codification of Conservation Laws.

S. B. 69. Approved April 19.

This Act revises and codifies the laws relating to conservancy districts, sanitary districts, park districts, and other laws relating to conservation and natural resources.

Ohio. Further Revision and Codification of Conservation Laws. Mr. Campbell S. J. R. 9. Approved March 10.

To create a commission to further investigate and study the laws relating to natural resources, and to revise and codify the laws governing conservancy districts, park districts, sanitary districts, canal districts, drainage districts, and similar districts and subdivisions.

A similar commission reported to the 1937 Legislature and its recommendations were enacted (S. B. 69); but the commission recommended additional study.

Ohio. Cooperation with Federal Government in Constructing Rural Post Roads.

S. B. 129. Approved May 17.

To authorize the Director of Highways to cooperate with the Federal Government in the construction of rural post roads.

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Oklahoma. County Soil Erosion Control. Mr. Hughes.

H. B. 541. Approved May 24.

To authorize the Board of County Commissioners in any county in a wind erosion area designated by the State Committee, in which no Soil Conservation District has been created and land use regulations have not been adopted, to order the eroded land cultivated, plowed, listed, or any other necessary steps taken to control wind erosion; and if the owner fails to comply, the county board may enter and do the necessary work, assessing the costs against the property, to be collected as taxes.

Oklahoma. Cooperation with Federal Government in Constructing Secondary Roads.

S. B. 452. Approved May 22.

To cooperate with the Federal Government in the construction of secondary or feeder roads; and authorizing the State Highway Commission to enter into the necessary agreements and contracts.

Oregon. Appropriation for Soil Surveys. Mr. Magruder.

H. B. 114. Approved March 5. Ch. 193, Laws of 1937.

To appropriate \$5,000 for the next biennium to defray the expenses of soil, irrigation, and drainage investigation, including cooperative soil surveys, ground water surveys, and fertility trials (including economic use of irrigation water), to aid in the most profitable development of the soil and water resources of the State. The investigation is to be under the management and control of the State Board of Higher Education.

Oregon. Authorizing Formation of Wind Erosion Districts. Mr. Fatland.

H. B. 148. Approved February 26. Ch. 131, Laws of 1937.

To provide for the organization of districts for the control of wind erosion. The County Court (County Commissioners) is authorized to designate areas as wind erosion districts upon petition of two-thirds of the land owners within the proposed district. Within 30 days after the district has been designated by the County Court, notice shall be given to the farm operators within the district of a meeting to be held 10 days hence for the purpose of electing four directors as an advisory board. The functions of the advisory board shall be to recommend to the County Court for appointment a wind erosion inspector, and consult with such inspector as to the most feasible methods of effectuating wind erosion control in the district. The board shall act as a board of appeal when disputes arise between the inspector and the occupant of the land relative to the enforcement of the Act. The inspector appointed by the County Court shall determine when serious wind erosion conditions prevail, serve notice on owners or occupants to correct such conditions, and, when necessary, control or supervise measures for the control of wind erosion, when the owners or occupants fail to take necessary measures. The County Court is authorized to levy a tax to create a fund for the control of wind erosion on county land within the wind erosion districts.

Oregon. Noxious Weed Control. Committee on Agriculture.

H. B. 360. Approved March 12.

To control noxious weeds (including Russian Knapweed) on public and private lands by requiring their eradication. The State Department of Agriculture shall cooperate with the Federal Government on State and Federal lands in this activity. The weed inspector shall, after investigation, notify private owners of the presence of such noxious weeds and require them to be destroyed. If the owner fails to comply,

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the weed inspector may enter and destroy the weeds, or, if this procedure is impracticable, the State Department of Agriculture may quarantine the premises.

South Carolina. County Soil Conservation Board (McCormick County).

H. B. 1001. Approved April 30.

To authorize the McCormick Delegation in the General Assembly to elect or appoint a County Cooperative Soil Conservation Board of 3 members, for the purpose of promoting the control of erosion and other farm practices which will improve farm land and increase the taxable value thereof. The Board is authorized to requisition the County Commissioners to borrow not exceeding \$5,000 to purchase a new tractor and grading and terracing equipment, such equipment to be rented to farmers.

South Carolina. County Soil Conservation Board (Lexington County).

H. B. 1012. Approved April 30.

To authorize the Lexington Delegation in the General Assembly to appoint a County Cooperative Soil Conservation Board of 3 members, for the purpose of promoting the control of erosion and other farm practices which will improve farm land, increase the taxable value thereof, in cooperation with farmers and land owners. The County Commissioners are authorized to borrow not exceeding \$10,000 to carry out a soil conservation program to be planned by the Soil Conservation Board.

South Carolina. Cooperation with Federal Government in Constructing Farm-to-Market Roads.

S. B. 588. Approved May 8.

To authorize the Highway Department to construct farm-to-market roads in cooperation with the Federal Government.

South Dakota. Tree Planting Bounty. Mr. Bottum.

H. B. 69. Approved March 3.

To provide a bounty for the successful cultivation of trees and shrubs upon compliance with regulations as to spacing and cultivation, for the conservation and protection of the soil from erosion.

Texas. Cooperation with Federal Government in Making Road Improvements.

Mr. Stevenson.

H. B. 611. Approved April 26.

To authorize the State Highway Department to cooperate with the Bureau of Public Roads for the improvement of roads with Federal funds, under the Federal Aid Highway Act as amended in 1936 (Public 686-74th Congress).

Texas. Corporations for Soil Conservation Work. Mr. Lemens.

S. B. 284. Approved May 1.

Corporations may be formed for the purpose of establishing, maintaining, and engaging in the business of grading, constructing terraces and drainage structures, and all other forms of dirt construction work.

Washington. Noxious Weed Control.

H. B. 336. Approved March 17. Ch. 194, Laws of 1937.

To provide for the creation of weed extermination areas, with methods and regulations for destroying noxious weeds therein, to be promulgated by the Director of Agriculture and the County Commissioners, in cooperation with the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Washington. Cooperation with Federal Government to Reorganize State Highways.

S. B. 112. Approved March 5. Ch. 53, Laws of 1937.

To provide for a reorganization of highways of the State, and for

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the acquisition of any rights-of-way, and cooperation with the Federal Aid Road Act.

Wisconsin. Cooperation with Federal Government in Constructing Secondary Roads.

S. B. 471. Approved July 13. Ch. 393, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the State Highway Commission to cooperate with the Federal Government in the construction of secondary, farm-to-market, and feeder roads, under the Hayden Cartwright Act (Public 686-74th Congress).

LAND USE - ACCEPTANCE ACTS

Arkansas. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act. Mr. Milum
S. B. 205. Approved March 4.

To accept the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act. The University of Arkansas is designated as the agency of the State to prepare plans in conformity with the Act, and, when approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, to administer such plans and receive and expend any money allotted for the execution thereof.

Colorado. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

S. B. 139. Approved April 15. Ch. 82, Laws of 1937.

To accept the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, and designating the State Board of Agriculture as the agency of the State to formulate and execute plans for the conservation of soil resources in accordance with the Act.

Delaware. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act. Mr. Butler
H. B. 254. Approved May 20.

To accept the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, and designating the University of Delaware as the agency of the State to carry out the policies and the purposes of the Act, and to formulate and administer State plans pursuant to the Act.

Georgia. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act. Mr. Cochran.

H. B. 332. Approved March 19. Act 222, Laws of 1937.

To accept the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, designating the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Georgia as the agency of the State to prepare and administer plans pursuant to the Act.

Maryland. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act. Mr. Clark.
H. B. 336. Approved May 28. Ch. 220, Laws of 1937.

To accept the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, and appoint the University of Maryland as the State's agency to formulate plans pursuant to the Act, and, upon approval by the Secretary of Agriculture, to administer such plans. The University shall accept and utilize any grants made pursuant to the Act.

Massachusetts. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

H. B. 1588. Approved May 27. Ch. 374, Laws of 1937.

To accept the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, designating the Massachusetts State College as the agency of the State to prepare and administer plans in accordance with the Act.

Missouri. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

S. B. 41. Approved June 24. Laws of 1937, page 175.

To accept the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act by the appointment of the Extension Service of the Missouri State University as the agency of the State to prepare and administer the plan authorized by the Act. The Extension Service is authorized to formulate and submit to the Secretary of Agriculture a State plan for each year for the purposes of, and in conformity with, the

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Federal Act. When such plan is approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Extension Service shall have power to execute the plan, with such incidental powers as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act.

Montana. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

S. B. 125. Approved March 16. Ch. 134, Laws of 1937.

To establish the Montana Agricultural Conservation Board of seven members as an agency of the State to cooperate with the Federal Soil Conservation program, and divide the State into six agricultural districts. The Agricultural Conservation Board is instructed to prepare plans in conformity with the Act, and, when approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, to administer such plans.

New York. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act. Mr. Allen.

A. B. 2244. Approved May 25. Ch. 615, Laws of 1937.

To accept the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act and designate Cornell University as the agency of the State to formulate and administer approved plans pursuant to the Act. The University is authorized to establish an Agricultural Conservation Board of five to advise and consult with the University in the administration and formulation of agricultural plans.

North Dakota. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

S. B. 179. Approved March 12.

To accept the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act and appoint the Extension Service of the Agricultural College as the agent of the State to formulate and administer plans pursuant to the Act, and accept any funds for use in administering the plans. The agency shall designate five Agricultural Districts and "Communities" for convenience in administering the Act, and provide for voluntary associations of agricultural producers within the "Community."

Oregon. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act. Mr. Kiddle.

S. B. 131. Approved February 19.

To accept the provisions of the Federal Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act and to authorize the Oregon State Agricultural College as the agency of the State to prepare plans in accordance with the provisions of the Act, submit such plans to the Secretary of Agriculture for approval, and, upon approval, administer the plans. The agency is authorized also to accept any funds made available to carry out the plans. An Advisory Board is created to advise the college with regard to carrying out provisions of this Act and the administration of the plans. The Advisory Board shall consist of State Commissioner of Agriculture, ex-officio, and five residents of the State of Oregon, to be selected for their actual farming experience and understanding of agricultural problems, and representing the various agricultural districts of the State.

Pennsylvania. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

H. B. 1959. Approved July 2. Act No. 541, Laws of 1937.

To accept the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act and create an Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Committee as agency of the State to formulate and administer plans pursuant to the terms of the Federal Act. The agency may receive and disburse any funds appropriated in furtherance of the plans as approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. There is an appropriation of \$10,000 for the biennium.

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South Dakota. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

H. B. 254. Approved March 6.

To accept the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act and appoint the State Agricultural Extension Service as the agency of the State to formulate and administer plans pursuant to the terms of the Act. The agency may receive and disburse any funds appropriated in furtherance of the plans as approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Tennessee. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act. Mr. Pope

S. B. 237. Approved February 5. Ch. 44, Public Acts of 1937.

To accept the provisions of the Federal Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act and appoint the trustees of the University of Tennessee as the agent of the State to formulate, with the assistance of the Agricultural Extension Service and Experiment Station, plans for soil conservation, in accordance with the standards set forth in the Act. Such agent is empowered to administer the plans as approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, and to receive and disburse grants of money made available under the Federal Act.

Vermont. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

H. B. 327. Approved April 7. Ch. 268, Laws of 1937.

To participate in the "policy of cooperating with the governments and agencies of other States and of the United States in carrying out the policy and purposes specified in section 7 (a) of the . . . Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act," and to designate the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College as the agency to formulate and administer State plans pursuant thereto.

Washington. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act. Mr. Cox.

H. B. 696. Approved March 16. Ch. 175, Laws of 1937.

To accept the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act and appoint the State College of Washington as the agency of the State to carry out the policies and purposes of the Act, and to formulate and administer State plans pursuant to the terms of the Act. The College is authorized to receive and disburse all grants of money or other aid in the execution of the plans.

Wyoming. Accepting Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

H. B. 198. Approved February 23. Ch. 81, Laws of 1937.

To accept the provisions of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act and designate the University of Wyoming as the agency of the State of Wyoming to formulate and administer plans in accordance with the Act. The University shall provide for a State Advisory Board, the members to be selected from those recommended by committees of county associations participating in the Act. The State Commissioner of Agriculture shall be an ex-officio member of the State Advisory Board. The University is authorized to accept all grants of money made pursuant to the Federal Act, to carry out the provisions of the approved plans.

LAND USE - STANDARD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACTS

Arkansas. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Hardgrave.

H. B. 445. Approved March 4. Ch. 197, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for conserving soil resources. Similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.*

*For abstract of this Act see Appendix, p. 49a.

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Colorado. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Smith.

H. B. 258. Approved May 6. Ch. 241, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. The law is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.*

Florida. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Holland.

S. B. 651. Approved June 10.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This Act is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.* This law exempts from taxation any property acquired by the districts.

Georgia. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Lanier.

H. B. 676. Approved March 23. Act 339, Laws of 1937, p. 377.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts. This Act is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.* However, there is no provision for a board of adjustment, and the districts are made agencies of the State, and not bodies politic and corporate.

Illinois. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Wilson.

H. B. 955. Approved July 9. Laws of 1937, p. 10.

To authorize the establishment of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This law follows the principles in the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.* Petitioners for establishment of a district are required to pay the expenses of the election required by the Act.

Indiana. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Hemmer.

S. B. 300. Approved March 11. Ch. 232, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts to conserve soil resources. This law is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.*

Kansas. Soil Conservation Act. Committee on Agriculture.

H. B. 606. Approved April 12.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purposes of conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This law is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.*

Maryland. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Clark.

H. B. 518. Approved May 28. Ch. 437, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This Act is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.* The State Committee is under the direction of the State Board of Agriculture. All property owned by the districts is tax exempt, and there is no provision for a Board of Adjustment.

Michigan. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Callaghan.

S. B. 242. Approved July 23.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts. This law embodies the principles of the Standard Soil Conservation Districts

* For abstract of this Act see Appendix, p. 49a.

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Act published by the Department of Agriculture.* The law permits occupiers to petition for the organization of a district, while only owners may vote at the election to organize the district and elect the board of directors.

Minnesota. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Galvin and Mr. Carley.

S. B. 1117. Approved April 26. Ch. 441, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This Act is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.* There are, however, no enforcement provisions for land use regulations. Funds are available from a soil conservation fund. There is no compulsion applied to the land occupier. There is no appropriation to carry out the provisions of the Act.

Nebraska. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Norton.

Bill 553. Approved May 18.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This Act is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.* There are, however, no enforcement provisions for land use regulations. Funds are available from a soil conservation fund, and in subsequent years there are to be annual appropriations as necessary.

Nevada. Soil Conservation Act.

S. B. 126. Approved March 30. Ch. 212, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling erosion. This Act is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.* As yet there is no appropriation for carrying out the Act.

New Jersey. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. DeVoe.

A. B. 509. Approved June 2. Ch. 139, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This Act follows the principles of the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.*

New Mexico. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Royall.

S. B. 209. Approved March 17. Ch. 219, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of engaging in soil conservation and the controlling of erosion. This Act is, in all substantial respects, like the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.*

North Carolina. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Gold.

S. B. 343. Ratified March 22.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts to engage in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This Act is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.*

North Dakota. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. McGillie.

S. B. 222. Approved March 16.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts to provide for the adoption of programs and regulations of land use practices. This Act is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.*

*For abstract of this Act see Appendix, p. 49a.

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Oklahoma. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Whitaker.

S. B. 208. Approved April 18.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This Act is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.* There is an appropriation of \$60,000 for the fiscal year 1938, and \$90,000 for the fiscal year 1939.

Pennsylvania. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Ganser.

H. B. 1894. Approved July 2.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling erosion. This Act is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.*

South Carolina. Soil Conservation Act. Agriculture Committee.

S. B. 523. Approved April 17.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This Act is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.* Lands acquired by the districts are declared tax exempt.

South Dakota. Soil Conservation Act. Agriculture Committee.

H. B. 206. Approved March 5.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This Act is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.*

Utah. Soil Conservation Act. Mr. Jensen.

H. B. 164. Approved March 23.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts for the purpose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. This Act is similar to the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act published by the Department of Agriculture.*

Wisconsin. Soil Conservation Act. Agriculture Committee.

A. B. 703. Approved July 2. Ch. 341, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the creation of Soil Conservation Districts to conserve soil resources. This Act is modeled after the Standard Soil Conservation Districts Act of the Department of Agriculture.*

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Colorado. State Planning Board Appropriation. Mr. Graham.

H. B. 195. Approved June 3. Ch. 21, Laws of 1937.

To appropriate \$12,000 for the maintenance of the State Planning Board for the next biennium.

Georgia. Creates State Planning Board. Mr. Chason.

S. B. 74. Approved March 8. Act 106, Laws of 1937, p. 291.

To establish a State Planning Board whose duties are to make surveys and publish information on land use and classification, with a view to determine areas suitable for crops, reforestation, recreation, watershed protection, housing, and financial program; to prepare and perfect plans of State agencies, and develop long term policies for agricultural land and water utilization; and to submit plans and reports to the Legislature with recommendations. The Board shall also encourage planning of counties, cities, towns, and regions. There is an appropriation of \$30,000 for the biennium.

* For abstract of this Act see Appendix, p. 49a.

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Iowa. Creates State Planning Board. State Planning Committee.

S. B. 212. Approved April 15.

To create a State Planning Board of 10 members with power to make surveys of the physical, social, and economic resources of the State, and to formulate plans and recommendations for the best methods for their utilization and preservation. In addition, the Board has power to advise with the various State Departments for the coordination of all physical development plans, and advise with county and municipal agencies for planning and zoning.

Maine. Abolishes State Planning Board. Mr. Thorne.

H. B. 1554. Approved April 15. Public Laws of 1937, Ch. 157.

To abolish the State Planning Board as created by Laws of 1935, Chapter 191. (The property and equipment was to be transferred to the Maine Development Commission to be created by the enactment of H. B. 1553, which failed of passage.)

Michigan. Creates State Planning Commission. Mr. Stout.

H. B. 55. Approved July 21. Public Act 216, Laws of 1937.

To create a State Planning Commission to be composed of the Highway Commissioner, Director of Conservation, and not more than eight members appointed by the Governor. The Commission is to collect data on public works projects, cooperate with Federal agencies, and coordinate surveys and investigations of natural resources. Wherever serious misuses of natural resources are taking place the Commission is to report such misuses to the Governor with recommendations.

Nebraska. Creates State Planning Board. Mr. Dafoe.

Bill 531. Approved April 15.

To create a State Planning Board of 14 members appointed by the Governor: the State Engineer, who shall be Chairman, the Tax Commissioner, who shall be Secretary, and 12 citizens at large. The Board is authorized to make a survey and study of lands, buildings, and equipment owned or controlled by the State and operated by various State school boards, and studies and surveys of the natural, social, and economic resources of the State. The Board is further authorized to cooperate with the National Resources Committee and other governmental agencies.

North Carolina. Continues State Planning Board. Mr. Ward.

H. B. 164. Ratified March 22.

To continue the State Planning Board under the direction of the Governor. It has advisory and recommendatory powers, may cooperate with other governmental agencies, employ means of publicity and education, and prepare and submit drafts of legislation for the carrying out of its plans.

Oklahoma. Reorganizes State Planning Board. Mr. Rorschach.

S. B. 107. Approved April 15.

To create a State Planning and Resources Board to provide for a survey of the agricultural, industrial, and human resources of the State for the conservation and better utilization of such resources. Such Board is to consist of 7 members appointed by the Governor, one of which shall be the Chairman of the State Soil Conservation Committee. The powers and duties now in the State Engineer and in the County Highway Engineer pertaining to waters, drainage, irrigation, and water control, are to be transferred to the Planning and Resources Board. The powers and duties now existing in the State Planning

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Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Forest Commission, are all transferred to this Planning and Resources Board. The Board is given authority to request the assistance of, and cooperate with, Federal agencies in the construction of any project, and provide necessary land for cooperation under the Federal Flood Control Act of 1936 (Public 738-74th Congress). Further authority is conferred upon the Board to regulate, control, and prevent pollution of all streams or water in the State. An appropriation of \$175,000 is made for cooperation with the Federal flood control program. A Division of Forestry is provided for with an annual budget of \$25,000. A Division of State Planning is created with an annual budget of \$35,000. The water resources and pollution activities are placed under a third division with an annual budget of \$51,950. State parks are placed under the fourth division with an annual budget of \$58,300. The total annual appropriation for the Board is \$300,000.

South Dakota. State Planning Board Appropriation.

H. B. 224. Approved March 5.

To appropriate \$10,000 for the biennium for the maintenance and operation of the State Planning Board.

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Arkansas. County Planning Enabling Act. Mr. Coates.

H. B. 363. Approved March 17. Act 246, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the creation of County Planning Boards to plan for the orderly and economic development of counties, including the conservation and better utilization of natural resources and public works.

California. Regional Planning Under State Planning Board. Mr. Weber.

A. B. 722. Approved July 1. Ch. 665, Laws of 1937.

To amend the Planning Act to give power to the State Planning Board to divide the State into regional planning districts, and give the Governor authority to appoint planning commissions for such districts. The Regional Planning Commission shall coordinate the plans of the local boards in the region. The local governing bodies are authorized to adopt ordinances to carry the plans into effect.

Maine. Local Planning Enabling Act.

S. B. 472. Approved April 8. Ch. 127, Public Laws of 1937.

To amend the zoning enabling act for cities, towns, and villages (R. S. Ch. 5, Sec. 137) to provide for planning and the creation of planning boards.

Oregon. Creates Willamette Valley Advisory Board. Mr. Carney.

S. B. 320. Approved March 11. Ch. 403, Laws of 1937.

To establish the Willamette Valley Advisory Board as an agency of the State Planning Board, consisting of 5 or more citizens of the various counties within the Valley for the purpose of conducting necessary investigations, surveys and research, and recommending to Federal and other governmental agencies a program for projects and public improvements, including flood control, irrigation, recreation, and wildlife preservation. The Advisory Board shall assist in the formation of flood control, drainage, irrigation, and improvement districts under existing State laws, and aid such districts in completing their organizations. The Board shall also confer and cooperate with political subdivisions within the Valley in carrying out improvement projects, and may hold hearings and meetings in the conduct of an educational program for the development of the Valley.

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The Board shall act in an advisory capacity in cooperating with the State Planning Board, Army Engineers, and other governmental agencies. Pennsylvania. County Planning Enabling Act. Mr. Eroe.

S. B. 872. Approved June 25. Act No. 434, Laws of 1937.

To amend the laws for second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth class counties, relating to county planning commissions. To provide that county planning commissions may be given the duty of serving as county zoning commissions under any county zoning ordinance which may be enacted; that these commissions shall encourage cooperation and coordination in planning activities within their respective counties; that every plat should be submitted for the comment of the county planning commission before final approval by any city, borough, town or township. Provision is made for the creation of regional planning commissions to make master plans for regional development. The governing body of any political subdivision may delegate to the regional planning commission all powers and duties of its own planning commission.

PLANNING - ZONING

Florida. Urban County Zoning Enabling Act. Mr. Graham.

S. B. 588. Approved May 20.

To enable the Board of County Commissioners of any county having a population of not less than 180,000 at the last State census, to zone outside the limits of municipalities for the purpose of regulating and restricting the height, number of stories, and size of buildings, and other structures on land and water, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size of yards, courts and other open spaces, the density of population, the use of land for junk yards and automobile trailer camps, and the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, and other specific uses. It is provided that the majority of the members of the Zoning Commission shall be appointed from the County Planning Council in case such a body exists; that the Board of Adjustment shall be appointed by the Governor; and that the County Engineer or other employee of the County Board may be designated to administer the zoning regulations. Violations are punishable by a fine of not over \$500, or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or both. The County Board is authorized to appropriate not exceeding \$10,000 yearly for carrying out the purposes of the Act. This Act substantially follows the Standard State Zoning Enabling Act published by the Department of Commerce.

Georgia. Amending Constitution to Enable Certain Cities and Counties to Zone.

H. R. 89. Adopted at special election June 8.

To amend the constitution (Article 3, Sec. 7, adding paragraph 26) authorizing the Legislature to grant to the governing body of any city or county having a population of 1,000 or more, authority to pass zoning and planning ordinances.

Georgia. Amending Constitution to Enable Glynn County to Enact Zoning and Planning Ordinances. Mr. Knab.

S. B. 210. Approved March 29. Adopted at special election June 8.

To propose a constitutional amendment to the qualified voters to enable Glynn County to enact zoning and planning ordinances regulating the use of lands.

Indiana. Survey for Highway Zoning. Mr. Enig.

H. J. R. 3. Approved March 8. Ch. 321, Laws of 1937.

To direct the State Planning Board to prepare for the legislature

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in 1939 a draft of an Act for the establishment of zones or set-back lines along highways. The Highway Commission is directed to furnish the necessary surveying parties for determining the location of lines and preparing maps.

Michigan. Urban Township Zoning Enabling Act. Mr. Munshaw.

S. B. 281. Approved July 21. Public Act 302, Laws of 1937.

To enable the township board of any township adjacent to a city of 40,000 population or more, or of a township having a population of 5,000 or more, to adopt and enforce zoning ordinances regulating buildings, trade, industry, residence, recreation, agriculture, forestry, etc., in the unincorporated portions thereof. No zoning ordinance may be adopted until after a majority of the township electors, voting at a referendum, have favored the application of the Act. A planning board of four members, appointed by the county probate judge, will serve as a zoning commission; and the township board will serve as a board of appeals. No specific provision is made respecting non-conforming uses. The acceptance of the operation of this Act by the electors of any township bars the operation of the county zoning act within such township.

Pennsylvania. Township Zoning Enabling Act. Mr. Patterson.

H. B. 1693. Approved July 1. Act No. 504, Laws of 1937.

To authorize townships of the second class to adopt and enforce zoning ordinances regulating the location, construction and use of buildings, size of courts and open spaces, density of population, and the use of lands. This Act is similar to the Standard State Zoning Enabling Act (urban) published by the Department of Commerce.

Pennsylvania. County Zoning Enabling Act. Mr. Broe.

S. B. 871. Approved June 25. Act No. 435, Laws of 1937.

To enable counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth class to adopt zoning ordinances, for the purpose of regulating, outside the limits of incorporated municipalities, the height, etc., of buildings and other structures; the uses of buildings for trade, industry, residence, etc.; and the use of land for trade, industry, residence, recreation, agriculture, water supply conservation, soil conservation, forestry, or other purposes. The State Planning Board is given the power of commenting on the recommendations of the County Zoning Commission before they are submitted to the Board of County Commissioners, and provision is made that the Board of County Commissioners may devise formulae for compulsory liquidation of non-conforming uses.

Tennessee. Authorizing Certain Counties to Enact Zoning Ordinances.

H. B. 1292. Approved May 14. Ch. 520, 901-904, Private Acts of 1937.

To enable the county courts of Sullivan, Washington, Unicoi, Carter, and Johnson Counties, severally, to adopt and enforce zoning regulations applying outside the corporate boundaries of municipalities, in their respective counties. The power is granted to regulate the uses of land for residence, recreation, agriculture, forestry, soil conservation, and water supply conservation, as well as for the usual objects of urban zoning. The Regional Planning Commission acts as a zoning commission for each county. No zoning plan covering an area more or less than that covered in the Commission's recommendations may be adopted by the county court, except by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership, unless the Commission consents. All other departures from the recommendations of the Commission must be submitted

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to it for review, and no such departure may be adopted against its advice except by a majority vote of the entire membership of the county court. Provisions are made for the appointment of building commissioners.

PUBLIC FINANCE

California. Validation of Flood Control Bonds. Mr. Williamson.

H. B. 905. Approved April 27. Ch. 113, Laws of 1937.

To validate bonds of flood control districts, including refunding bonds and the levy and collection of taxes to pay the principal and interest upon such bonds.

California. Validation of Bonds. Mr. Williamson.

H. B. 916. Approved April 27. Ch. 121, Laws of 1937.

To validate bonds issued by counties where authority has been given by a vote of the qualified electors voting and providing for a levy of taxes to pay principal and interest on such bonds.

California. Validation of Bonds. Mr. Williamson.

H. B. 917. Approved April 27. Ch. 122, Laws of 1937.

To validate refunding bonds issued by counties where authority has been given by a vote of the qualified electors of such counties, and providing for a levy of taxes to pay the principal and interest of such bonds.

Florida. Prescribes Uniform Budgeting for School Districts. Education Committee.

H. B. 956. Approved May 26.

The act prescribes a uniform system of budgeting for county and special tax school districts and specifically outlines the dates and manner of procedure, from the point of preparation of tentative budgets through the tax levy. Among provisions governing expenditure and accounting are included the requirements that State funds allotted for teachers' salaries be spent for that purpose, that inter-fund transfers be made only by permission, that outstanding unfunded debt be funded, that no new debt be incurred except as provided by law, and that adequate sinking funds or retirement plans for funded debt be adopted. Authority for review and approval of budgets is vested in the State Board of Education.

Georgia. Authorizing School Districts to Refund Bonds. Mr. Grossetal.

H. B. 782. Approved March 31.

To authorize school districts in which a local tax is now or may hereafter be levied for school purposes, to refund outstanding bonded indebtedness.

Idaho. Creates State Lands Water Fund. State Affairs Committee.

H. B. 72. Approved February 20.

To create the State Lands Water Maintenance and Assessment Fund to provide for payment of claims for advances for charges or assessments by taxing units against State lands.

Iowa. Reducing Interest Rates on School Funds. Mr. Husted.

S. B. 40. Approved March 20.

To reduce all interest rates one percent on the permanent school fund.

Iowa. Creates Board to Review Certain Budgets and Tax Levies. Mr. Hopkins.

S. B. 89. Approved April 10.

To create a State Board to review upon appeal, certain budgets, proposed expenditures, and tax levies. Ten or more taxpayers may appeal to such Board from the levy board. Such budget or tax levy may be reduced after hearing and consideration in the discretion of the Board.

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Kansas. Creates State School Aid Fund. Mr. Ratner.

S. B. 125. Approved March 29.

To create a State school aid fund. Provision is made for the distribution of the fund in aid of schools, based upon attendance and amount of school tax.

Maine. Reducing State Subsidy for Physical and Industrial Education.

S. B. 170. Approved March 18. Ch. 44, Public Laws of 1937.

To reduce the subsidy contributed by the State to physical (Section 183 of Ch. 19 R.S.) and industrial (Ch. 206, Laws of 1931) education twenty percent for each of the next two fiscal years.

Massachusetts. Issuance of Bonds for Flood Control.

H. B. 1983. Approved May 29. Ch. 441, Laws of 1937.

To authorize issuance of bonds to finance the acquisition of property for flood control purposes.

Massachusetts. Issuance of Bonds for Flood Control, Merrimack River Valley.

H. B. 1984. Approved May 29. Ch. 442, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the issuance of bonds in connection with the acquisition of property for flood control purposes in the Merrimack River Valley.

Minnesota. Payments to School Districts in Lieu of Taxes on Rural Credit Lands.

H. B. 30. Approved April 24. Ch. 425, Laws of 1937.

To pay to school districts, wherein rural credit lands were acquired by the State during the years 1935 and 1936, an amount equal to the usual tax on the assessed value if such lands had been subject to taxation.

Minnesota. Relief Appropriation.

H. B. 237. Approved April 14. Ch. 209, Laws of 1937.

To appropriate \$2,000,000 for the purpose of aiding in furnishing necessary relief, work relief, and employment relief to the needy and destitute in connection with the relief agencies of local subdivisions.

Pennsylvania. Amending Constitution to Authorize Bond Issue for Flood Control Works.

H. B. 1366. Passed Legislature April 27. Filed with Secretary of State for submission to voters at next election.

To amend the constitution to authorize the issuance of bonds not exceeding \$50,000,000 for the purpose of erecting, constructing and maintaining flood control works and improvements.

Pennsylvania. Amending Constitution to Authorize Bond Issue for Acquisition of Forest Lands.

S. B. 1137. Passed Legislature June 3. Filed with Secretary of State for submission to voters at next election.

To amend the constitution to authorize the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring and developing land for State forest purposes.

Texas. State Aid to Schools. Mr. Lucas.

H. B. 600. Approved May 7.

To appropriate \$1,080,000 as a supplement to the funds appropriated by the forty-fourth legislature (Laws of 1935, Chapter 350) for assistance to school districts.

Texas. State Aid to Schools. Mr. Cotten.

S. B. 185. Approved June 9.

To appropriate \$5,500,000 for school purposes to be allotted and expended by the State Superintendent under the direction of the State Board of Education.

PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Alabama. Prescription of Rules for Use of Forest Lands. Mr. Weaver.

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Special Session. S. B. 140-XX. Approved March 2.

To amend the Code (1923, Section 959) to clarify and enlarge the duties of the Forest Commissioner relative to his authority to prescribe rules governing the use of forest lands.

Arizona. Appropriation for Land Classification Project. Mr. Marks.

Special Session. H. B. 6-XX. Approved June 19.

To appropriate \$70,000 to the State Land Board to be used for the state land classification project in cooperation with the W. P. A.

Arkansas. Recovery of Public Lands.

H. B. 96. Approved January 28. Act 7, Laws of 1937.

No action for the recovery of lands held under donation, certificate, tax sale certificate or held under two years' adverse possession under donation certificate, shall be maintained unless plaintiff had title to such lands within two years before commencement of the action.

Arkansas. Authorizing Sale of Swamp and Overflowed Lands. Mr. Ward.

H. B. 329. Approved February 25. Act No. 128, Acts of 1937.

To authorize the Commissioner of State Lands to sell lands granted by Congress designated as swamp and overflowed lands. This Act sets forth the procedure for the sale of such lands by the Commissioner after appraisal.

California. Authorizing Rentals of Tax-reverted Lands.

H. B. 844. Approved July 6. Ch. 763, Laws of 1937.

To provide for the rental of occupied lands sold to the State for delinquent taxes. A rental fund is created for such rentals. Appraisal costs are to be paid from such fund.

California. Authorizing Completion of Purchases of School Lands. Mr. McColl.

S. B. 144. Approved July 1. Ch. 689, Laws of 1937.

To permit holders and purchasers of school lands to complete purchases, notwithstanding any past forfeiture for default of interest or taxes.

California. Authorizing Acquisition of Lands for Forestry and Cooperation with Federal Government under Fulmer Act. Mr. Fletcher.

S. B. 554. Approved May 15.

To authorize the Director of Natural Resources to acquire land for forestry purposes and enter into agreements with the Federal Government for the acquisition of such lands as are desirable for State forests. This Act is to take advantage of the Fulmer Act (46 Stat. 963).

Colorado. Cooperation with Federal Government for Soil Conservation on State Lands. Mr. Taylor.

H. B. 676. Approved June 3. Ch. 213, Laws of 1937, p. 941.

To authorize the State Board of Land Commissioners to enter into cooperative agreements with the W.P.A., C.C.C., Soil Conservation Service, or any other Federal agency for the improvement and betterment of State owned land, and to furnish necessary materials and tools. An appropriation of \$2,500 is made.

Colorado. Creates State Park Board.

H. B. 936. Approved April 15. Ch. 204, Laws of 1937, p. 908.

To create a State Park Board to control, develop, and maintain State parks and recreation areas. The Board may appoint advisory local and regional park and recreational councils, to assist and advise in the work of the Board. The Board shall cooperate with Federal and State governments and delegate to the state Division of State Parks authority to administer state parks.

Connecticut. Authorizing State Lease and Use of Federal Lands. Mr. Kugeman.

H. B. 145. Approved March 30. Ch. 27, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the Commission on Forests and Wild Life to lease lands

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from the Federal Government or Resettlement Administration. The Commission may enter into cooperative agreements with any agency of the Federal Government relative to the custody, management, and use of lands so leased. The lands are to be considered as owned by the State and payments made in lieu of taxes. (See Section 1103, Gen. Stats.)

Connecticut. Authorizing Acquisition of Lands for Forests, and Cooperative Agreements with Federal Government. State Parks Committee.

H. B. 1548. Approved May 25. Ch. 196, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the Commission on Forests and Wild Life to acquire or lease property for development as state forests or parks and enter cooperative agreements with the Federal Government for the administration of such lands.

Connecticut. Authorizing Lease of Lands from Federal Government.

H. B. 1670. Approved June 16. Ch. 371, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the Commission on Forests and Wild Life to lease lands from the Federal Government (Resettlement Administration).

Florida. Appropriation for State Forests in Cooperation with Federal Government. Mr. Kelly.

H. B. 642. Approved June 12.

To appropriate \$50,000 for the biennium for acquisition and development of state forests and parks, to be spent under the direction of the State Board of Forestry and in cooperation with the Federal Government.

Idaho. Acquisition of Lands for Forests. Forestry Committee.

H. B. 338. Approved March 17.

To authorize the State Board of Land Commissioners to acquire or lease property for the development of state forests and parks.

Illinois. Authorizes Sale of Park District Lands. Mr. Van der Vries.

H. B. 120. Approved June 18. Laws of 1937, p. 980.

To authorize park districts to sell real estate owned by such districts no longer needed for public purposes.

Illinois. Authorizes Cooperative Agreements with Federal Government for Conservation Purposes. Mr. Lohmann.

S. B. 139. Approved July 3. Laws of 1937, p. 1136.

To authorize the Department of Conservation to enter into agreements with the Federal Government to effect cooperative undertakings in the conservation and preservation of game, trees, plants, and forests.

Illinois. Authorizes Exchange of Lands with Federal Government for Forestry Purposes. Mr. Lohmann.

S. B. 140. Approved July 3. Laws of 1937, p. 1207.

To authorize the Department of Conservation to exchange lands of the State under its jurisdiction for lands of the Federal Government in the State, for forest development.

Illinois. Authorizes Acquisition and Management of Forest Lands under Fulmer Act. Mr. Lohmann.

S. B. 142. Approved July 3. Laws of 1937, p. 1137.

To authorize the Department of Conservation to enter into cooperative agreements with the Federal Government for the management, administration, development and acquisition of forest lands of the United States in the State, under the Fulmer Act (Public 395-74th Congress).

Illinois. Authorizing Establishment of Forest Nurseries. Mr. Lohmann.

S. B. 143. Approved July 3. Laws of 1937, p. 615.

To authorize the Conservation Department to establish forest nurseries for planting in state forests. Stock not required in state forests may be sold to land owners for reforestation at cost of production,

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but all such plantings shall be under plans approved by the Department. Trees for research and experimental and demonstrational plantings may be furnished free to land owners whose plans are approved by the Department.

Indiana. Consent to U.S. Acquisition of Lands for Wildlife Conservation.

S. B. 144. Approved March 5. Ch. 52, Laws of 1937.

To consent to the acquisition by the United States of lands for wildlife conservation. The Federal Government program is to be carried on in cooperation with the State Department of Conservation.

Maine. Consent to U. S. Acquisition of Lands for an Experimental Forest.

S. B. 404. Approved March 19. Ch. 20, Public and Special Laws 1937.

To grant the consent of the State to the acquisition by the United States of certain lands needed for the establishment of an experimental forest not exceeding 3,000 acres. The State retains concurrent jurisdiction to issue civil and criminal process on such lands.

Michigan. Conveyance of Land to U. S. for Use of Biological Survey.

H. B. 425. Approved July 14. Public Act No. 187, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the Director of Conservation to convey to the United States certain lands (St. Clair County) for use by the Biological Survey. Concurrent jurisdiction is retained by the State for the issuance of civil and criminal process.

Michigan. Creates Land Office Board to Administer Tax Delinquent Lands in Certain Counties. Mr. Febling and Mr. Palmer.

S. B. 23. Approved July 3. Act No. 155, Laws of 1937.

To create a State Land Office Board (3 members appointed by the Governor) to control, lease, or sell tax-reverted lands belonging to the State in the counties north of and including the counties of Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Medland, and Arenac. The Board may sell the lands acquired for not less than the appraised value for cash or time payments. All lands under the jurisdiction of the Board shall be appraised and classified with a view to rehabilitating such lands. The Board is also authorized to provide for such use by the State, or make such other dispositions of such land as will be for the best interests of the land, the State, or the political subdivision. The Act is to be effective to May 1, 1943.

Michigan. Authorizes Cooperative Agreements for Acquisition and Administration of Forest Lands. Mr. Pangborn.

S. B. 204. Approved July 21. Act No. 234, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the Conservation Commission to enter into cooperative agreements with Federal agencies for the purpose of acquisition, management, and operation of forest lands. The lands purchased by the United States shall be administered by the Commission as State forests.

Minnesota. Exchange of Lands with U. S. (Proposed Constitutional Amendment.)

H. B. 68. Approved January 28. (To be submitted to vote at next election).

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide that any of the public lands of the State, including lands held in trust for any purpose, may, with the approval of a Commission consisting of the Governor, the Attorney General, and the State Auditor, be exchanged for lands of the United States and other privately owned lands, as the Legislature may provide. The lands so acquired shall be subject to the trust, if any, to which the lands exchanged therefor were subject, and the State shall reserve all mineral and water power rights in lands so transferred, to the State.

Minnesota. Authorizes Lease or Sale of Public Lands not Presently Needed.

H. B. 1757. Approved April 24. Ch. 459, Laws of 1937.

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To authorize the Executive Council to lease or sell lands and improvements which have been acquired for flood control, water works, forestry, and recreation (under Laws 1935, H.B. 182, and Ex. Session Laws 1935-1936, Ch. 51), and not presently needed.

Montana. Creates Forestry Experiment Station. Mr. Elliott.

H. B. 197. Approved March 16. Ch. 141, Laws of 1937.

To create a State Forest Conservation Experiment Station to study forest land resources, and to compile and disseminate data on forestry, shelterbelts, woodlots, etc.

Montana. Authorizes Acceptance from U.S. of Lands for Forestry Purposes.

H. B. 330. Approved March 16. Ch. 159, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the State Board of Land Commissioners to accept lands suitable for forestry or park purposes and enter into agreements with the Federal Government for the acquisition by lease, purchase, or otherwise, such lands as are desirable for State forests. The Board is authorized to expend unobligated funds to manage, develop, and utilize such areas.

Ohio. Consent to U. S. Acquisition of Lands for National Forests, Flood Control, and Soil Conservation Work. Mr. Laird.

S. B. 353. Approved May 13.

To consent to the acquisition by the United States of lands necessary for the establishment, consolidation, and extension of national forests, for flood control, and for soil conservation work.

Oregon. Creates Forest Land Classification Committee. Mr. Young.

H. B. 339. Approved March 11. Ch. 381, Laws of 1937.

To establish a County Forest Land Classification Committee. The County Court of any county containing forest land may establish such a committee of five, one appointed by the State Board of Forestry, one by the Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, and three by the County Court; one of the latter is required to be the owner of grazing land and another to be the owner of forest land. Upon establishment of the Committee it shall investigate and study all forest land within the county and determine its suitability for the production of timber, grazing of livestock, or agriculture. In the event no classification is made under the provisions of this Act, within 6 months after the effective date of the Act the State Forester shall make such study and classification, which classification shall have the same effect as if made by the Committee. The State Board of Forestry and the State Forester shall assist, whenever possible, in the development for grazing or agricultural uses of all forest lands so classified.

Oregon. Authorizes County Administration of Lands Acquired by Foreclosure of Delinquent Tax Liens. Mr. Clark.

S. B. 310. Approved March 11. Ch. 402, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the Board of County Commissioners to administer, operate, reforest, lease, or dispose of lands acquired by foreclosures of delinquent tax liens. If the county acquires by tax deed 90 percent or more of the number of lots in any addition or subdivision, if the County Commissioners so desire they may acquire the remaining lots from the owner by purchase or exchange, and vacate the whole of such subdivision. The County Board may make such conditions and regulations of cutting and slash disposal as are deemed necessary in addition to the conditions and regulations laid down by the forest fire law.

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Vermont. Authorizes Cooperative Agreements with U. S. for Administration of State Forests. Conservation Committee.

H. B. 265. Approved March 24.

To authorize the State Forester to purchase lands in the name of the State and enter into agreements with the Federal Government for the administration of State forests. On land acquired by the Federal Government, the State shall make payments in lieu of taxes.

Washington. Authorizes Exchanges of Lands for Consolidating and Blocking up of Forests. Rules Committee.

H. B. 274. Approved March 13. Ch. 77, Laws of 1937.

To authorize counties and municipalities and the State Forest Board to exchange certain lands with each other and with the Federal Government for the purpose of consolidating and blocking up forest lands.

Washington. Authorizes Acquisition of Lands for Forests. Committee on Forestry.

S. B. 210. Approved March 10. Ch. 104, Laws of 1937.

To provide for the acquisition, seeding, and administration of lands for State forests with funds derived from the sale of utility bonds to the value of \$300,000.

REAL PROPERTY

Arizona. Licensing Real Estate Salesmen and Brokers. Mr. Sullivan.

H. B. 32. Approved March 13. Ch. 53, Laws of 1937.

To license and regulate the real estate business. Licenses are to be granted by the State Land Commissioner, who shall act as Real Estate Commissioner, to applicants who qualify under the rules set forth in the act for real estate salesmen and brokers.

Illinois. Licensing Land Surveyors. Mr. Kaindl.

H. B. 423. Law without Approval, July 13. Laws of 1937, p. 1211.

To license and regulate land surveyors. The Department of Registration and Education shall examine and issue licenses to qualified applicants. All plats and certificates issued by an Illinois land surveyor under his seal shall be prima facie evidence in all courts and entitled to recordation.

Iowa. Legalizing Certain Execution Sales on Homesteads. Mr. Donahue.

S. B. 7. Approved February 12.

To legalize certain execution sales where homesteads have not been platted, or are otherwise irregular.

Iowa. Tax Deeds to be Subject to Prior Restrictive Covenants.

S. B. 127. Approved March 8.

To provide that all tax deeds shall be taken subject to all restrictive covenants resulting from prior conveyances in the chain of title to the former owner.

Massachusetts. To Insure Continuance of Covenants Running with the Land After Tax Sales. Mr. Sawyer.

H. B. 1680. Approved April 16. Ch. 209, Laws of 1937.

To amend Section 45 of Ch. 60 of General Laws as amended, to insure the continuance of covenants running with the land after tax sales.

Oklahoma. To Prevent Extinguishment of Covenants Running with the Land by Intervening Tax Deeds. Mr. Kirkpatrick.

H. B. 21. Approved May 24.

To prevent the extinguishment of covenants running with the land by intervening tax deeds. This act makes certain that such covenants shall survive and be enforceable against a subsequent grantee.

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Oklahoma. Regulating Corporate Real Estate Holdings. Legal Advisory Committee.

H. B. 77. Law without Approval, May 10.

No corporation may be entitled to or hold any real estate outside cities and towns not necessary and proper for the transaction of the business for which the corporation is chartered. Any such real estate acquired by any means shall be sold within 7 years of date of acquisition.

Utah. Regulating Land Value Insurance Business.

S. B. 31. Approved March 23.

To regulate the business of land value insurance. Standards are prescribed for the management of foreign and domestic corporations engaging in such business and rules are laid down governing the issuance of policies after appraisals.

REAL PROPERTY - MORTGAGE MORATORIA

Arizona. Mortgage Moratorium. Mr. Wiesener.

H. B. 4-XX. Approved June 29.

To stay foreclosure of mortgages for a period not longer than March 4, 1939.

California. Extending Mortgage Moratorium. Mr. Rosenthal.

H. B. 193. Approved January 29.

To extend the Mortgage Moratorium Act of 1935. Under the present Act foreclosures and forfeitures are due in the near future and would result in the condition attempted to be avoided. The new Act is to authorize the courts, when proceedings are begun to foreclose, to stay any sale until after such date as the court considers just and equitable after hearing.

California. Mortgage Moratorium. Mr. Rosenthal.

H. B. 2684. Approved May 6. Ch. 167, Laws of 1937.

To provide for a mortgage moratorium and the institution of proceedings therefor by the mortgagor, for such period as the court deems advisable, but not beyond July 1, 1939. The court shall determine the reasonable rental value to be assessed on and paid by the mortgagee.

Iowa. Extending Mortgage Moratorium. Mr. Hill.

S. B. 15. Approved February 15.

To extend the mortgage moratorium (Laws 1933, Ch. 182; Laws 1935, Ch. 115) to March 1, 1939.

Iowa. Extending Mortgage Redemption Period. Mr. Hill.

S. B. 16. Approved February 17.

To extend the mortgage redemption period to March 1, 1939, amending the Laws of 1933, Ch. 179, Laws 1935, Ch. 110.

Michigan. Staying Foreclosure Proceedings. Mr. Hamilton.

H. B. 25. Approved February 18. Public Act No. 1, Laws of 1937.

To authorize the continuance of proceedings to foreclose mortgages or deeds of trust until not later than November 1, 1938.

Montana. Extending Mortgage Moratorium. Mr. Peterson.

H. B. 89. Approved March 3.

To extend the provisions of the Mortgage Moratorium (Laws 1935, Ch. 122). The period of redemption may be extended by a court having jurisdiction, but in no event beyond March 1, 1939.

Nebraska. Extending Mortgage Moratorium. Mr. Regan.

Bill No. 4. Approved February 16.

To extend the provisions of the Mortgage Moratorium Law to stay all

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proceedings for the foreclosure of mortgages within the discretion of the court, until the first day of March, 1939.

North Dakota. Staying Foreclosure Proceedings. Mr. Cain.

S. B. 83. Approved February 15.

To stay mortgage foreclosure proceedings upon good cause shown to a court of competent jurisdiction, but in no case beyond July 1, 1939.

Ohio. To Stay Foreclosure Proceedings. Mr. Hesse.

H. B. 706. Approved May 18.

To stay proceedings on mortgage foreclosures upon petition to the court in its discretion, until not later than April 1, 1939.

Ohio. To Stay Foreclosure Proceedings. Mr. Morris.

S. B. 16. Approved April 1.

Empowering the courts to restrain proceedings to foreclose mortgages until April 1, 1939.

Wisconsin. To Extend Mortgage Moratorium. Mr. Bichler.

A. B. 125. Approved March 4. Ch. 15, Laws of 1937.

To extend the provisions of the Mortgage Moratorium Act to provide that the period of redemption may be extended within the discretion of the court, but in no event beyond April 1, 1940.

REAL PROPERTY - TENANCY

North Carolina. Creates Commission to Survey Tenancy. Mr. Butt.

S. B. 303. Ratified March 17.

To create a "Home Ownership Commission" appointed by the Governor to study the tenant problem and cooperate with Federal and other agencies to encourage home ownership and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor.

Oklahoma. Creates Farm Landlord and Tenant Relationship Department. Mr. Lowrance.

S. B. 272. Approved April 28.

To create a Farm Landlord and Tenant Relationship Department to promote closer relationships between farm landlords and tenants. The Department shall make a study of landlord and tenant situations and undertake improvements by the preparation of equitable rental contracts; inaugurate an educational program on the advantages of long term contracts; assist in forming farm organizations and cooperatives; and establish bases for arbitration proceedings. The Director of the Extension Department selects the supervisor charged with administering the act. There is an appropriation of \$2,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, and \$12,500 annually for the succeeding two fiscal years.

TAXATION

Arizona. Withholding Delinquent Tax Penalties. Mr. Burk.

H. B. 11. Approved March 16. Ch. 46, Laws of 1937.

All ad valorem taxes levied against real or personal property delinquent on November 2, 1936, shall be exempt from all penalties and interest if paid on or before November 8, 1937.

Arizona. Withholding Delinquent Tax Penalties. Mr. Burk.

H. B. 7-XX. Approved June 28.

All taxes levied against real and personal property delinquent October 3, 1936, shall be exempt from all penalties and interest if paid by December 6, 1937. This law amends Chapter 46, Laws 1937 (H. B. 11, Bulletin 14, p. 8) by changing date of applicability.

Arizona. Authorizing Tax Compromises in Certain Cases. Mr. Jones.

S. B. 9-XX. Approved June 26.

To authorize boards of directors of irrigation, agricultural improve-

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ment, drainage, and power districts to compromise taxes, in all cases where the lands are not worth the amount of the taxes and where the lands are not capable of profitable cultivation.

California. To Facilitate Tax Redemption. Mr. Martin.

H. B. 12. Approved March 20. Ch. 56, Laws of 1937.

To amend the tax laws to facilitate redemption. Redemption may be made of lands held by the State by payment of the amount of taxes, penalties, and costs, with interest at one percent a month for five years from sale, and one-half percent thereafter. In cases where such land is no longer on the assessment rolls, the subsequent taxes included in the redemption amount are based on a valuation placed on the land by the assessor at the time of redemption. Where the sale has been made to the State before July 6, 1937, the owners may redeem from the State on or before April 20, 1938, by paying the amount due without any other charges except interest at seven percent a year from July 1, 1936; and when such sale has been made prior to July 1, 1936, redemption may be made in ten annual installments if the first payment is made by April 20, 1938. No sale of unredemmed land may be made during 1937, 1938, or during January, 1939; instead, the property is to be deeded to the State at the time set for the sale.

California. To Exempt from Taxation Property of Certain Institutions.

(Proposed Constitutional Amendment.) Mr. Keating.

S. C. A. 34. Passed Legislature June 11. Filed with Secretary of State to be submitted to vote at the next election.

To amend the constitution to exempt from taxation buildings, equipment, and grounds (not exceeding 100 acres) of any educational institution of collegiate grade not conducted for profit, any institution for religious worship, and any orphanage receiving State aid.

Connecticut. To Abate Certain Uncollectible Taxes. Reorganization Committee.

H. B. 1556. Approved May 25. Ch. 194, Laws of 1937.

To abate, on advice of Attorney General, taxes assessed and uncollectible because of inability to pay or because the person taxed was the recipient of charity during the year.

Florida. To Exempt from Taxation Property up to \$5,000 (Proposed Constitutional Amendment) Mr. Rose.

S. J. R. 21, Approved June 9. To be submitted to vote at next election.

To amend the constitution to permit tax exemptions on property up to \$5,000 for 1939 and thereafter.

Georgia. To Exempt from Taxation Homesteads up to \$2,000 in Value (Constitutional Amendment). Mr. Lanier.

H. B. 26. Approved March 30. Adopted at Special Election June 8, 1937. Amending the constitution to exempt from all ad valorem taxation, each homestead actually occupied by a head of a family, to the value of \$2,000. Each such homestead must be registered to secure such exemption.

Georgia. To Reclassify Property for Taxation (Constitutional Amendment). Mr. Morris.

H. B. 34. Approved February 22. Adopted at Special Election June 8, 1937.

To amend the constitution to give the Legislature power to reclassify property for taxation purposes.

Georgia. To Authorize Counties to Tax for Support of County Agents. (Constitutional Amendment). Mr. Pound.

H. Res. 28. Approved March 30. Adopted at Special Election June 8,

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1937.

To amend the constitution to authorize counties to levy a tax for the purpose of paying county agricultural and home demonstration agents.

Idaho. Installments on Delinquent Taxes. Mr. Hayden.

S. B. 84. Approved March 4.

Whenever a tax shall be delinquent for any year, it may be paid to the tax collector one-half for such year, with the penalty and interest, provided such payment shall be accepted upon the oldest delinquency standing.

Idaho. Installments on Delinquent Taxes. Committee on State Affairs.

S. B. 152. Approved March 15.

All delinquent taxes for years 1930 to 1933, plus the 2 percent penalty, shall become due and payable in semi-annual installments (of one half year's tax) provided the delinquent taxes of 1938 and 1939 have been paid. (See Laws 1935, Ch. 93.)

Illinois. Tax Abatement. Mr. McGrath.

H. B. 1001. Approved June 25. Laws of 1937, p. 1220.

To permit any township to call a special meeting up to July 1, 1937, to abate any tax during 1937 for poor relief.

Indiana. Providing for Sale of Tax Delinquent Lands. Mr. Sturm.

H. B. 57. Approved January 22.

To provide for the sale of tax delinquent lands, beginning on the second Monday of April in 1937 and continuing until sold. Taxes delinquent January 1, 1937, may be paid in twelve equal semi-annual installments. Intention to comply with this act must be filed by the third Monday in March 1937, and the current tax must be paid when due.

Indiana. Real Estate Reassessment. Mr. Gettinger.

H. B. 87. Approved February 24. Ch. 19, Laws of 1937.

To provide for real estate reassessment in 1937 and every four years thereafter, and amending prior laws on this subject.

Indiana. Provides for Limiting Total Tax Rate. Mr. Baumgartner.

H. B. 287. Approved March 9. Ch. 119, Laws of 1937.

To limit the total tax rate for all purposes to fifteen cents upon each one hundred dollars of taxable property within the State.

Indiana. To Tax Real Property held by Purchasers under Executory Contracts of Sale by U. S. Community Corporations. Mr. Hardy.

S. B. 121. Approved March 5. Ch. 51, Laws of 1937.

Real property liable for taxation and in possession of the purchaser under an executory contract of sale from a homestead or community association or corporation (to which such property acquired by the U.S. for any resettlement or rehabilitation project has been conveyed), shall be taxed to such purchaser, and he shall be considered as owner for taxation purposes.

Iowa. Extending Time on Tax Installments. Mr. Love.

H. B. 119. Approved April 14.

To extend time for payment of installments on taxes, from April 1 to July 1. An interest penalty attaches July 1, calculated from April 1 at three-fourths of one percent a month until date of payment.

Iowa. Authorizes Revaluation of Property on Complaint of Taxpayer.

S. B. 160. Approved April 17.

To provide for petition of aggrieved taxpayer, for revaluation of property and public hearings thereon, before the Board of Assessment and Review.

Iowa. Installments on Delinquent Taxes. Mr. Breen.

S. B. 167. Approved April 14.

To permit confession of judgment for delinquent real estate taxes,

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and authorize installment payments thereon, upon payment of current taxes.

Iowa. Allocating Proceeds of Certain Taxes to Homestead Exemption Fund. S. B. 184. Approved March 20.

To allocate to the Homestead Exemption Fund the proceeds from the revenue derived from corporation and retail sales taxes.

Massachusetts. Authorizes Study of Taxation and Expenditures.

H. B. 1531. Approved March 29. Ch. Resolve 3, Laws of 1937.

To create a Commission (one Senator, 3 Representatives, 3 appointed by Governor) to study and investigate taxation and public expenditures in the State and political subdivisions. The Commission shall report to the legislature and recommend and submit drafts of laws designed to promote efficiency and economy, by February 15, 1938.

Montana. To Exempt from Taxation Certain Lands Acquired for Conservation Projects. Water Conservation and Flood Control Committee.

S. B. 55. Approved March 15. Ch. 114, Laws of 1937.

To exempt from taxation all lands acquired by the Water Conservation Board for use in conservation projects.

Nebraska. Penalty Abatement on Delinquent Taxes. Mr. Haycock.

Bill No. 1. Approved May 19.

To provide for the cancellation of interest on delinquent property taxes, if payment of such taxes with interest from date of this law is made by December 31, 1938.

New Jersey. Repeal of Certain Taxes on Public Lands. Mr. Van Winkle.

S. B. 66. Approved June 2. Ch. 73, Laws of 1937.

To repeal the act of 1933, Ch. 433, providing for the assessment and taxation of lands owned by or held in trust for the State for park purposes. Where taxes have been paid under such act, refunds or credits for future taxes may be made.

North Dakota. Installment Payments on Delinquent Taxes. Mr. Ditmer.

H. B. 59. Approved March 16.

To permit the County Commissioners, where taxes are delinquent prior to December, 1936, to pay such delinquent taxes, excluding interest and penalty, in six annual installments (with interest at 4 percent of 10 percent of principal for two successive years, and of 20 percent annually thereafter). Taxes due after November 1, 1937, must be paid before such an agreement may be consummated.

North Dakota. Authorizing Diversion of Rents in Payment of Delinquent Taxes.

H. B. 249. Approved March 17.

To collect taxes delinquent one year or more, by authorizing the County Treasurer (by direction of the County Commissioners) to petition the District Court to order the tenant or sub-tenant to pay the rents accruing under the lease agreement to such County Treasurer, to be applied upon the delinquent taxes of the owner of such tax delinquent property.

North Dakota. Authorizing Bounty for Tree Planting. Mr. Thoresen.

H. B. 292. Approved March 9.

Any person planting forest trees or hedge plants on rural land shall be given a credit by the County Auditor upon real estate taxes, of \$4 for each 100 trees or hedge plants or major fraction thereof, planted in any one year. If the trees or hedge plants so planted be kept growing in good order, an allowance of \$2 for each 100 living trees, or major fraction thereof, shall be credited upon the succeeding year's taxes, but in no event shall the amount allowed exceed the amount of the taxes levied for such year upon a quarter section of land so planted.

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Oklahoma. Homestead Tax Exemption.

H. B. 3. Approved January 8.

An act exempting homesteads from all forms of ad valorem taxation to the extent of \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Applications must be made to the County Assessor, who approves or rejects according to prescribed standards. The County Board of Equalization is given authority to review such applications.

Oklahoma. Abating Delinquent Tax Penalties. Mr. Johnson.

H. B. 650. Approved May 22.

All penalties, interest, and costs accrued on unpaid ad valorem taxes levied on homesteads (H. B. 3 Ex. Session Laws 1936) for the calendar year 1936 and all prior years, are hereby waived and cancelled.

Oklahoma. Cancelling Certain Tax Redemption Fees. Mr. Nichols.

S. B. 146. Approved April 29.

To cancel redemption fees involved in redemptions from tax sales to the county between December 1, 1935 and January 7, 1937, where redemptions were accepted without collection of such fees. (See S. B. 11, Laws 1935.)

Oklahoma. Extending Period for Paying Taxes. Mr. Chamberlin.

S. B. 274. Approved May 24.

To extend the time of payment of the first half of 1936 taxes until September 30, 1938. The last half of 1936 taxes shall not be delinquent until October 31, 1937.

Tennessee. Tax Moratorium. Mr. Craig and Mr. Graves.

S. B. 1. Approved March 5. Public 101, Laws of 1937.

To stay the forced collection of delinquent taxes for years prior to 1935 until after December 31, 1937. Any person owing any delinquent real property taxes is given the right to settle and pay such taxes without paying any accrued interest or penalties thereon. The statute of limitations for three years, as now provided for the redemption of real property sold for taxes, is amended and suspended until December 31, 1937; provided that at the tax sale such lands were bought in by the State or municipal governments. Suits now pending in the courts for such sales may be dismissed upon the payment of the delinquent taxes, without penalty, but including necessary and reasonable court costs and attorneys' fees.

Wisconsin. Tax Exemptions on Woodlots. Highway Committee.

S. B. 173. Approved April 22. Ch. 79, Laws of 1937.

Amending the tax law to provide that any woodlot on a regularly operated farm, not exceeding one-fifth of the area of such farm, shall be exempt from taxation. This exemption also applies to any portion of a regularly operated farm which has a 30 percent slope, and when such woodlots are included within sufficient fence, and when the owner has refrained from cultivating or grazing thereon and made reasonable effort to reforest slope lands to prevent erosion.

Wisconsin. Extending Forest Crop Law to Villages. Mr. Peterson.

A. B. 781. Approved July 13. Ch. 413, Laws of 1937.

To extend the forest crop law to villages.

Wyoming. Exempting Property under \$5,000 from Taxation.

S. B. 2. Approved March 3. Ch. 140, Laws of 1937.

Providing that property shall be exempt from taxation to the amount of \$5,000 assessed valuation.

*STANDARD STATE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS LAW

as published by the Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1936. The material printed below is an abstract only. The laws enacted on this general model by the various States contain significant variations which it has not been possible to cite in detail in this Bulletin (pp. 29-32). For a brief statement of these variations see P. M. Glick, "State Legislation for Erosion Control," in Land Policy Circular (U. S. D. A., Resettlement Administration, Division of Land Utilization) for July, 1937, at pp. 23-24. For a complete view of such variations in a particular State, it is of course necessary to consult the full text of the law as enacted there.

An act to declare the necessity of creating soil conservation districts for the purpose of engaging in conserving soil resources and preventing and controlling soil erosion. A State soil conservation committee is to be created to assist the districts in carrying out their powers and programs, to coordinate programs of the districts, to secure the cooperation and assistance of the United States and its agencies, to disseminate information concerning the activities and programs of the districts, and to encourage the formation of such districts where desirable. Upon petition of 25 occupiers of land within the proposed limits of a district, the State committee, after notice and hearing, shall determine the need and define the boundaries of such district. The State committee shall hold a referendum, and if the vote is favorable, shall appoint 2 supervisors to act with 3 supervisors elected by the land occupiers within the district, as a governing body of such district for 3 year terms. The supervisors shall conduct and publish the results of surveys and research relating to soil erosion and the preventive and control measures needed; conduct demonstrational projects on State owned or controlled land; carry out preventive and control measures; cooperate with land occupiers with financial or other aid, including equipment and seed, and in executing preventive and control operations; acquire, operate, and dispose of lands in furtherance of the purposes of the act, and develop comprehensive plans for the conservation of soil resources. The supervisors as a body politic and corporate, may sue and be sued, have perpetual succession, and, as a condition to the extending of any benefits under this act, may require contributions in money, services, materials, or otherwise, for any operations conferring such benefits; and they may also require land occupiers to enter into and perform such agreements relative to the permanent use of such lands, as will tend to prevent or control erosion thereon. The supervisors may formulate land use regulations, and, after due notice and a favorable referendum thereon, enact such regulations into law. If any occupier fails to abide by the ordinance, a court of competent jurisdiction may, upon petition, require the occupier to perform the necessary conservation practices; and if he then fails to perform, the supervisors may go upon the land, carry out the necessary operations, and assess the costs against the land. Provision is made for the appointment of a board of adjustment of 3 members for 3 year terms, by the State soil conservation committee on the advice and approval of the supervisors. This board shall hear and determine

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petitions of land occupiers alleging difficulties in carrying out the land use regulations, and upon good cause order variances from the strict letter of the law, to do substantial justice and to preserve the public interest. Supervisors of the various districts may cooperate with each other. The supervisors shall also cooperate with State agencies in performing work on publicly owned lands. After five years the districts may be discontinued upon petition to the State Soil Conservation Committee and favorable referendum thereon within such districts.

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